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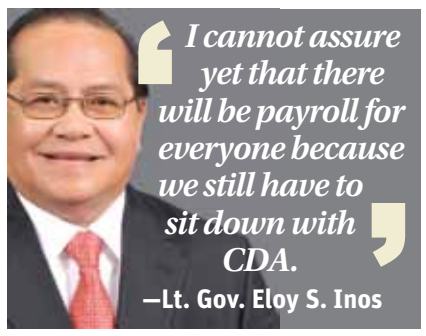

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Without an additional $2 million infusion from the Commonwealth Development Authority or other outside funding sources this week, there will be another payless payday for most government officials and employees this Friday, July 2, according to Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos yesterday.

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Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, third from left, leads the shoveling of dirt at the groundbreaking of a $2.96 million Marpi public cemetery yesterday afternoon. In photo are, from left, Capital Improvement Projects Office's Vicky Villagomez, Maeda Pacific Corp.'s Cleto Samonte, Inos, Lucy Aldan of the Governor's Office, project manager Stan Good of Azuma Limited, Maeda Pacific's Tom Nielsen, and Eric Cruz of Ericco Enterprises. Inset shows the officials looking over the plans.
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$2.96M public cemetery breaks ground in Marpi

» First phase of double crypts for 5,000 burials; total 50,000 crypts for whole area

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After more than a decade of planning spanning several administrations, a $2.96-million public cemetery finally broke ground yesterday afternoon in Marpi, with a potential to provide over 50,000 crypts for the next three centuries.

The first phase of the project, whose $2.96 mil-

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From left to right, Brandon L. Chargualaf, Kevin Royal, Robin A. Romero and Craig Chargualaf pose in front of the USS Battleship Missouri in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, June 22. The teens toured the battleship as part of the Army Reserve Youth Leadership, Education and Development summit.
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Saipan students attend Army Reserve YLEAD summit in Hawaii

By CHRISTINA DOUGLAS
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Four Saipan high school students recently returned from a five-day trip to Honolulu, Hawaii for an Army Reserve Youth Leadership, Education and Development Summit.

The purpose of the YLEAD, which is run by the Army Reserve's Child, Youth and School Services, is to empower Army Reserve-associated youth with the skills needed to grow and develop as young adults. The curriculum includes training on development of life goals, leadership skills, social skills and self-esteem.

"It's important because the classes they are taking are going to prepare them for the future," said Katie Laughlin, Army Reserve CYSS outreach specialist. "Just experiencing an event like this with other teenagers helps develop them socially and emotionally. They really start to understand more about themselves and how they fit into the world."

Kagman High School seniors Craig Chargualaf and Robin A. Romero; Saipan Southern High School junior Kevin Royal; and Grace Christian Academy senior Brandon L. Chargualaf, represented Saipan's Army Reserve youth at the summit.

"It was really fun, and I saw a lot of nice places," said Romero. "We took some classes on managing deployment, money management and decision making, just really good classes."

In all, 28 teens from Guam, American Samoa, Alaska, Hawaii and Saipan banned together for YLEAD teamwork building exercises, leadership activities and historical site visits.

"We learned teamwork, how to work with other people we've never met and just how to communicate," said Brandon L. Chargualaf. "I experienced a lot of new things. I saw people who can speak their mind, met people of different nationalities, and saw different styles of living. After four days, it was like we knew each other since we were kids."

The biggest thing Craig Chargualaf took away from the YLEAD was how his newly acquired, money management skills can set him up for success for years to come.

"I learned how to make a million bucks," explained Craig Chargualaf. "First you get a job when you're 16 or 18, and then just invest $100 bucks every month in the bank, and by the time you retire you can get a million or two million; it just depends on how much you put in."

The teens also learned about how to cope when their family members deploy. Royal, whose father serves in the 100th Battalion, 4-42 Infantry Regiment, said he now understands more about the challenges of deployments. He also said that the YLEAD made a difference in his outlook for the future.

"I have a plan for the future now," said Royal. "I have a plan for college, for what I'm going to do and how I'm going to save my money."

Craig Chargualaf, Romero, Royal, and Brandon L. Chargualaf were all smiles when they returned home to Saipan late Friday night.

"It was a really good experience. Me and the other three boys were very fortunate to go to the YLEAD," said Romero.

Craig Chargualaf echoed the same sentiments. "I'm just lucky to be in it," he said. "How many kids get to experience that?"

"I can't say enough good things about those four kids," said Laughlin, who coordinated this year's YLEAD from start to finish. "I'm so glad they got to come. They definitely made a big impact on our staff and the kids that were there. They always came with a positive attitude. I think they really gave all of the kids from Saipan a good name."

The next YLEAD is tentatively scheduled for December 2010, in Honolulu, Hawaii. All Army Reserve-associated youth are encouraged to apply. For more information, contact Laughlin at (808) 438-1600 ext. 3388 or email Katherine.laughlin@us.army.mil.

Freedom Air's plane engine fails; Rota flights affected

Flights from Rota have been affected for days now after a Freedom Air airplane experienced mechanical problems Friday morning.

Rota Airport confirmed yesterday that the plane's right engine failed 11:05am Friday when it was about to fly to Guam for its next flight. This was the same aircraft used to fly passengers from Saipan to Rota on the same day.

The troubled aircraft is the regular plane used in transporting passengers from Rota, Saipan, and Guam; it has a 30-seat capacity.

In the absence of this aircraft, Freedom Air has switched to a smaller plane, which is capable of carrying just seven passengers.

Yesterday, some Rota personnel of the Public School System's Head Start program who were supposed to participate in professional development seminars on Saipan failed to make it due to the limited flights available from Freedom Air.

An employee of Freedom Air assigned on Rota also confirmed the mechanical trouble suffered by one of their plane's engines but can't disclose the expected completion of the work.

Some lawmakers from the island, as well as participants in important events on Saipan, also failed to show up for their respective events for the same reason.

Yesterday morning, the Commonwealth Ports Authority said Cape Air serviced a 5am flight for Rota passengers to Saipan. ***(Moneth G. Deposa)***

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Alien workers hit slow USCIS issuance of advance parole

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Some alien workers are complaining about the slow action of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services in issuing advance parole—a document that allows them to return to the CNMI after traveling to a foreign country.

One worker said she applied for advance parole on May 21, but she remains waiting for it to be approved up to now.

"I need to go home because it's an emergency," said the worker, who asked not to be identified.

The worker said she went to the USCIS Application Support Center at TSL Plaza on Beach Road on Monday to follow up on her application, but she was not allowed to enter.

She said she talked with many alien workers at the TSL Plaza and most are similarly situated as she is.

Some of them, she said, submitted their application as early as May 14, but until now are still waiting for approval.

The worker said they were advised to make an InfoPass appointment with the USCIS Application Support Center, but this will take a month because there are so many applicants and only about three days are left available in July for appointments.

She said she sought assistance with the Federal Ombudsman's Office, but was advised to purchase plane tickets.

"I already have tickets. I paid $305 for the application. All the necessary documents are there. It's okay if it's [for] pleasure, but this is an emergency case," she said.

The worker, along with others, are hoping that USCIS will have a place for them on Saipan to follow-up on their applications.

USCIS requires aliens living in the CNMI to apply for advance parole before traveling abroad if they do not have U.S. lawful permanent resident status or an appropriate U.S. visa (not a visa for "B" visitor admission only).

Advance parole is permission to re-enter the U.S. after traveling outside the U.S. It allows people lawfully living and working in the CNMI during the period ending Nov. 27, 2011, to continue to do so when they return from foreign travel.

Added $1.25M a sticky point in Senate-recalled MPLT bill

» Senate, House on recess until today

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Acting Senate President Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian) said yesterday the Senate-proposed $1.25 million loan request with the Marianas Public Land Trust—on top of the $4 million being proposed by the House—has become a sticky point in a recalled bill yesterday.

"A sticky point is the inclusion of the $1.25 million for hospital needs. It's not part of the CNMI state of emergency because of lack of fuel for the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. and not part of the priorities for the reprogramming bill," Hofschneider told *Saipan Tribune*.

House Bill 17-78, House Draft 1, Senate Draft 1 passed the Senate on Wednesday but the House didn't act on it on Friday due to a communication from the Senate that it will recall the bill.

The Senate, through a floor amendment offered by Sen. Ralph Torres (R-Saipan), asked additional $1 million from MPLT for the purchase of a magnetic resonance imaging machine or CT Scan for the Commonwealth Health Center. Another $250,000 has been requested to go toward CHC's purchase of medicines such as dialysis, chemotherapy drugs, and other needed medications.

The House approved yesterday afternoon the recall of the bill, passage of which is seen to help government payroll and utility payments.

The Senate, which received the recalled bill from the House around 3pm yesterday, is expected to reconvene its session before 11:30 today.

The House is also expected to reconvene its session this afternoon, to act on the bill that is expected to come out of the Senate.

Lt. Gov. Eloy Inos, Hofschneider and House Vice Speaker Felicidad Ogumoro (Cov-Saipan) met yesterday afternoon to further discuss the Fitial administration's concerns on the bill.

MPLT also raised its concerns on the Senate-amended House bill last week, and urges the Senate to accommodate their suggestions.

Inos, in a separate interview, said he will meet again today with the House and Senate leadership on the bill before the Senate reconvenes its session.

The Senate went on recess at 11:30am yesterday and it will have to reconvene within 24 hours; otherwise it has to comply with the 72-hour public notice requirement of the Open Government Act.

Rep. Ray N. Yumul (R-Saipan), the original author of HB 17-78, said if both chambers fail to reconvene their session today, then a special session can be called as early as Friday or another emergency session can be called by the governor.

"The House and Senate will try to hash out differences in the MPLT bill. We are racing against time," Yumul said.

On June 17, Inos—who was then acting governor—called for back-to-back-emergency sessions of the House and Senate to pass a bill authorizing him to reprogram up to $10 million for the payment of salaries in Fiscal Year 2010.

That was a few days after Gov. Benigno R. Fitial declared the CNMI under a state of emergency due to the lack of sufficient fuel to power CUC generators and the imminent threat this poses to the continued supply of water and electrical services.

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Torres contests Zoning's claim of lack of consultation

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Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan) disputes the claims made by the Commonwealth Zoning Board in their letter addressed to Gov. Benigno Fitial about HLB 17-2, D2, now LB 17-2.

Torres responded with a letter addressed to board director Herminia Fusco on June 28, 2010, that challenged the board's claims.

In a June 18 letter to Fitial, the board articulated the reasons why they oppose the floor amendments introduced by Torres in LB 17-2, including the modified maps used and the provision to reimburse certain penalties imposed and collected by the board.

Torres told *Saipan Tribune* that some of the maps used for the local law were actually from the board itself and were photocopied and marked to reflect the adjustments on the rezoned areas.

Torres also argued that the board's claim of not being consulted about the amendments added to the bill was unfounded.

According to Torres, Fusco herself attended the meeting on May 28 that discussed then HLB 17-2, D2.

After that meeting, Fusco did not ask the Legislature or Fitial about the law.

Acting Gov. Eloy S. Inos signed LB 17-2 on June 17, a day before the board submitted their letter to Fitial.

Torres said the board's implementation of the Saipan Zoning Law of 2008 makes it more difficult for applicants who want to start a business on Saipan.

It is for this reason that HLB 17-1 was introduced, said Torres. HLB 17-1 aims to suspend the implementation of the law for a period of six months.

Torres, however, wants the period covered by HLB 17-1 changed to five years "because of the problems they're creating."

"The zoning law is part of the reason why the economy is not moving faster. Zoning steps in and it's so critical that investors give up because zoning is restrictive," he added.

Torres also said there are existing regulations that can look into these businesses being put up, like the Department of Public Works' building code and safety regulations.

Torres believes that he will get a lot of support in this issue regarding zoning.

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He said collections as of yesterday were just enough for the salaries of critical government employees such as police officers, firefighters, corrections officers, doctors and nurses.

Some $1.5 million is needed to pay close to 1,000 of these critical positions, and another $1.5 million or more to pay for the rest.

Inos, who oversees government finance issues and is a former Finance secretary, said he wants another meeting with CDA officials to discuss the remittance, eyed to come from unobligated funds or uncommitted capital improvement project funds.

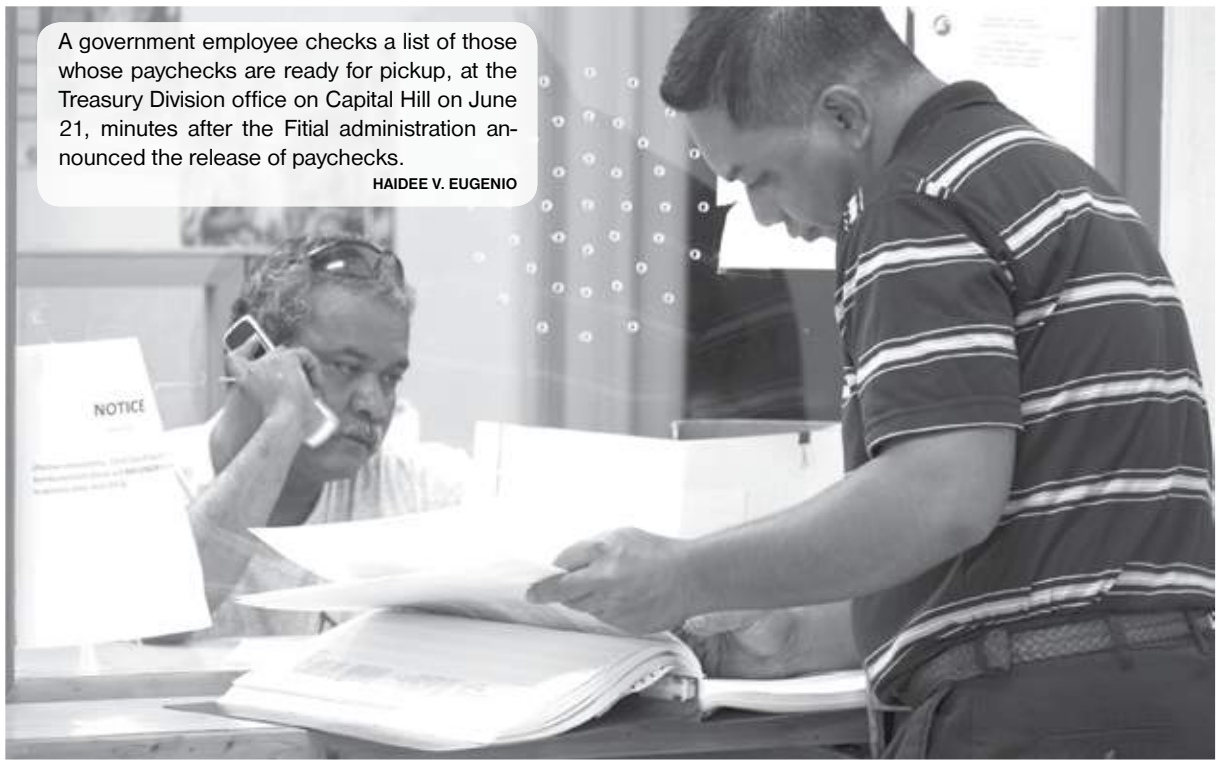
"I cannot assure yet that there will be payroll for everyone because we still have to sit down with CDA. It [payroll for all] is contingent upon CDA and other sources of funding," Inos told *Saipan Tribune* in an interview at the groundbreaking of a $2.96 million Marpi public cemetery yesterday afternoon.

If no new funding source comes in, this Friday will be the second time in CNMI history that most government employees will experience a payless payday.

On June 18, only police officers, firefighters, corrections officers, doctors and nurses got paid on time. The rest of the employees received their checks on June 21.

CDA remitted $1.9 million to the general fund on June 21, which explains why most government employees got their paychecks that same day. CDA earlier remitted $1 million, which the central government used to pay the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

The administration also asked the Marianas Public Land Trust to remit $4 million. A pending bill allows for the $4 million—which the Senate raised to $5.25 million—to be transferred to the general fund in a form of a loan.



A government employee checks a list of those whose paychecks are ready for pickup, at the Treasury Division office on Capital Hill on June 21, minutes after the Fitial administration announced the release of paychecks.
HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

ERRATUM

In the article "CUC stops accepting credit cards due to high fees" published in the June 28 edition of the *Saipan Tribune*, it was stated that CUC would stop accepting all credit cards as a form of payment. This is incorrect. CUC will only stop accepting American Express credit cards. It will continue to accept other cards (Visa/MasterCard). Our apologies for the mistake.

MEDICARE

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Saipan Tribune learned that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services investigated CHC on Jan. 22 this year and its findings were released to CHC officials on March 25, 2010. The findings were not made public and *Saipan Tribune* obtained a copy of the findings only yesterday.

The federal agency's probe found CHC not complying with all applicable conditions of participation for hospitals in the Medicare program, with deficiencies severe enough to pose an immediate danger to the health and safety of patients.

"On Jan. 22, 2010, you were informed that certain violations of the Conditions of Participation uncovered by the survey posed an immediate and serious threat to the health and safety of patients at CHC," states the letter sent by CMS to Public Health Secretary Joseph Kevin Villagomez.

The 112-page statement of deficiencies cited the failure of CHC's nursing services to meet six conditions: governing body, quality assessment and performance improvement, medical staff, nursing services, radiologic services, and infection control.

"CMS further determined that the documented deficiencies either individually or in combination substantially limit CHC's capacity to render adequate care or adversely affected patient health and safety," states the CMS letter.

"In light of the findings of the Jan. 22, 2010, complaint investigation survey, CMS has initiated a process that will result in the termination of your Medicare provider agreement unless CHC promptly returns to compliance with applicable Medicare participation requirements," the letter told Villagomez.

The federal agency said the termination of the provider agreement may be avoided if CHC submits evidence showing "that immediate jeopardy has been abated and credible documentation evidencing correction of all the deficiencies cited in the survey."

CMS stressed with DPH that mere plans of correction at some future date or evidence of progress toward correction will not be enough.

"If you make such a submittal and if we find that the submission constitutes a credible allegation of compliance, CMS will not move to terminate your hospital's Medicare provider agreement based solely on the survey findings, but will exercise our discretion to authorize a resurvey of CHC," the CMS statement said.

If CHC still does not meet the requirements, CMS said it will terminate the agreement.

Serious citations, corrective measures

Saipan Tribune learned that some of the hospital's serious citations included unsatisfactorily wound care services. Many patients were found with wounds and bedsores as a result of not being "turned."

Medicare also found that due to the lack of an in-house pharmacist during weekends, hospital nurses were found "mixing" medicines for patients—a practice that should be performed only by certified pharmacists.

Gloves used by medical staff during treatment of wounds should also be removed at once, a rule that many personnel have been violating.

Saipan Tribune learned that as part of its corrective measures, CHC hired a nursing director, April Ricotta, along with the designation of unit managers to monitor and focus on nursing services. Continuing education for all service staffers was also initiated, such as seminars for wound care and pain management, made compulsory for all staffers.

DPH's corrective measures were officially submitted to Medicare on May 6. The federal agency has yet to respond to date. It is expected that a Medicare team will be conducting a special visit to validate these corrective measures before a final assessment and decision is made.

Health Secretary Villagomez did not respond to *Saipan Tribune*'s inquiry about the Medicare issues yesterday.

CEMETERY

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lion construction contract was awarded to Maeda Pacific Corp., includes 2,500 double crypts or double-stack occupancy crypts for a total of 5,000 burials.

Project manager Stan Good of Azuma Limited, who redesigned the public cemetery, said at an estimated 150 burials a year, the first site will serve the CNMI for nearly 33 years.

"We are trying to conserve space so we decided to have double-stack occupancy crypts in which one casket would be placed on top of the other," Good told *Saipan Tribune* at the groundbreaking.

He said for a project cost of $2.96 million, this means each burial plot costs about $592.

The total cemetery area is 18 acres, and Good said the whole area has the potential to accommodate more than 50,000 crypts, "or sufficient for the next three centuries."

Building a new public cemetery has become a necessity due to overcrowding at other existing public cemeteries such as the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

The CNMI Capital Improvement Projects Office received federal funds from the U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs for the project, which is just beside the Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, who led the groundbreaking, said the commencement of the public cemetery project affirms the CNMI's commitment to prudently use federal funds for the benefit of the island.

"This is our commitment to the accountable use of federal funds for important infrastructure projects," Inos said in his remarks at the brief ceremony, which was highlighted by the ceremonial shoveling of gravel.

Inos recognized the CIP Office headed by Vicky Villagomez for coordinating and facilitating the project.

"Through their commitment and collaboration with the contractors, our community will soon have 2,500 double crypts to accommodate 5,000 burials. By way of tradition, our people have always placed sentimental value on caring for the final resting place of our dearly beloved," Inos said.

Inos and Good said the public cemetery, once completed, will be equipped with an on-site pavilion for memorial services, adequate public toilets, on-site water well and pump, an irrigation system, and a paved access road. It includes an extension of the single phase power line, which is also available at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

Cleto Samonte, Maeda Pacific-Saipan general manager, said the notice to proceed for the project was issued on June 3, 2010.

"The project is required to be completed in 270 calendar days, or by Feb. 28, 2011," Samonte said in an interview.

Inos said upon completion of the project, the public can anticipate a pristine and solemn resting place for their loved ones.

"The governor and I continue to support infrastructure development. We will continue to secure more federal funds to meet the infrastructure needs of the various communities throughout our Commonwealth," Inos added.

Assistant attorney general Jim Stump, who is assigned to the CIP Office, said there are 35 other projects under construction and more will be started in the next few months, to help stimulate the local economy.

He said the public cemetery project began over 10 years ago but failed to get off the ground due to a lot of issues that included environmental concerns. He said the Fitial administration was able to resolve all environmental concerns within 90 days, allowing the project to move forward.

Outside their comfort zones as LibDay queen bets

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Helbert

Tambiga

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For Marla Helbert, joining the Liberation Day Queen contest would have been a far-fetched thought if it weren't for her cousin.

"She used to be a Liberation Day Queen candidate, too," Helbert told *Saipan Tribune* at the Liberation carnival grounds Sunday night.

The 18-year-old Helbert was not disappointed with her decision. As a candidate, she got to be involved with lots of activities, including helping out at the carnival grounds.

A freshman taking up nursing at the Northern Marianas College, Helbert said she made new friends with her co-candidates. "I really got close to most of them," she said.

Helbert disclosed she used to love math but now that she's in college, she is inclined toward language arts. "College math is challenging," she admitted.

Being a homebody, Helbert loves spending quality time at home with her two brothers and three sisters.

Helbert is the second child of parents Richard Mungwaath and Potenciana Helbert Fritz, who are of Palau lineage. She is sponsored by the Palau Community Association on Saipan.

Helbert, who only goes to Palau for important family matters, shared that she would love to reside in Palau or the United States in the future.

If there's one thing that Marla learned from joining the Liberation Day Queen, it would be about the power of her voice within. "You have to stand up and talk for yourself," she said with delight.

Through her experience as a Liberation Day Queen candidate, Helbert learned to be confident about herself and to socialize with other people.

Despite being excited and nervous about the coronation night, Helbert disclosed that it doesn't really matter whether she wins or not. "I enjoyed the experience. I had fun because of our coordinator," she added.

The quiet and reserved veneer of Marie Kastel Tambiga prompted her mom to persuade her to sign up for the Liberation Day Queen contest.

"I didn't welcome the idea at first because I was focused on my studies. But like what my mom wanted for me, I wanted to develop self-confidence through the contest, too," she said.

The 19-year-old Tambiga is the eldest of the three daughters of Erwin and Cristy Tambiga.

Delighted with her decision, Tambiga said her two sisters want to follow in her footsteps someday.

Tambiga, who is currently pursuing a nursing degree at the University of Loyola, told *Saipan Tribune* that she wants to be a nurse for the right reasons. "I really want to provide care for patients," she said.

Although her classes and her duty at the Commonwealth Health Center take up most of her time, Tambiga said she likes surfing the Web, reading books, and playing educational online games.

Being the diligent nursing student that she is, Tambiga revealed that her favorite book is the NCLEX reviewer "because I learn a lot from it."

Tambiga said of all the activities they had to participate in, she liked the Japanese memorial ceremony the best. "I learned a lot about the Japanese culture."

Tambiga also said she enjoyed her bonding time with fellow candidate Yuri Cepeda because of their common Filipino roots.

Although she occasionally misses the Philippines, Tambiga said she's grown to love Saipan in her two years of stay on the island.

Tambiga is thankful to her sponsors, the Marianas Lions Club and the United Filipino Organization, and all those who bought her tickets despite the economic situation on Saipan.

Yumul, Towai bag Medal Civic of Honor

Four-term Rep. Ray N. Yumul (R-Saipan) and long-time House of Representatives sergeant-at-arms Pedro "Pete" O. Towai each bagged a Medical Civic of Honor from the National Conference of State Legislatures for their service in both the legislature and the U.S. military.

Yumul and Towai, both sergeants, were deployed to Balad, Iraq from 2004 through 2006.

Towai is an active member of the Echo Company Detachment-1 100th Battalion 442nd Infantry Regiment of the U.S. Army Reserve, while Yumul is a reservist.

The National Conference of State Legislatures invited them to attend the NCSL Legislative Summit in Louisville, Kentucky, on July 26 to receive their awards.

"I am grateful for being bestowed this honor. I was surprised. It's for the people who should be recognized for putting me in office while serving in the military. On behalf of the CNMI and my family, I am thankful for this," Yumul told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Yumul was first elected as a member of the 14th Legislature. He was re-elected in 2005 while in active duty. He was also re-elected in the 16th Legislature, and continues to serve in the current 17th Legislature.

CNMI Legislative Bureau director Glenna SP. Reyes recommended Yumul and Towai to NCSL after receiving a letter in May from the organization. ***(Haidee V. Eugenio)***

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INVITATION FOR BID
PSS IFB 10-078

"PURCHASE OF FIVE 66 PASSENGER SCHOOL BUSES"

The CNMI Public School System is soliciting competitive sealed bids for the Purchase of Five 66 Passenger School Buses.

Specification are available at the PSS Procurement Office on the 3rd Floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building Beginning on Tuesday, June 22, 2010, or by faxed request to 664.3791.

Bids shall be placed in a sealed envelope marked "PSS IFB 10-078" containing one (1) original and two (2) copies and submitted to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office no later than Monday, July 5, 2010 at 9:00am. Any bid received after this date and time will not be accepted.

Questions should be in writing addressed to Robert Florian, PSS Procurement Officer via fax or e-mail to robert.florian@cnmipss.org.

This purchase is funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation/FTA.

/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed. D.
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Robert Florian
Procurement Officer

5 charges filed vs Kagman rape suspect

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REPORTER

The Office of the Attorney General filed five charges yesterday against the 21-year-old man who was tagged as one of three suspects in the kidnapping and rape of a 16-year-old student in Kagman.

Assistant attorney general Brian Gallagher charged Angel Jess Santos with kidnapping, sexual assault in the first degree, sexual abuse of a minor in the third degree, assault and battery, and disturbing the peace.

At yesterday's preliminary hearing, Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman found probable cause to file the charges against Santos and remanded him to the custody of the Department of Corrections. The court set Santos' bail at $100,000 cash.

Santos' counsel, assistant public defender Richard Miller, earlier filed a motion to modify the bail, but he withdrew it. The bail modification hearing was set for July 29.

Gallagher called detective Dennis Masga Reyes to the witness stand to explain how their investigation led to the arrest of Santos.

Reyes stated that Santos had confessed to being one of three persons who kidnapped the student on June 16. Reyes said Santos told police that he only served as a lookout as the other suspect—a male juvenile—raped the girl at Tank Beach.

Santos allegedly could not identify their third companion.

Reyes said police investigation showed that the three suspects jumped on the girl from a pickup truck as she was walking on her way to Kagman High School. The allegedly three beat her up, then brought her to Tank Beach where she was raped.

The girl later regained consciousness in an abandoned concrete house located several houses behind the CYC Store in Kagman.

NI Mayor's Office gets additional grant for survey

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

A request for additional funding for the terrestrial survey being conducted in the Northern Islands was approved yesterday, giving the Northern Islands Mayor's Office an additional amount of $77,525 for the project.

Program coordinator Jerome Kaipat Aldan confirmed with *Saipan Tribune* that they received a letter from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service supporting their request.

According to Aldan, the terrestrial survey project is based on the cooperative agreement signed between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and former Northern Islands Mayor Valentino Taisakan.

The terrestrial survey aims to do a count of the wildlife in the Northern Islands, including the fruit bats, turtles, and megapodes.

Aldan said the original cooperative agreement only allocated a $24,000 budget for the survey. However, the amount is no longer sufficient to cover expenses for the survey, including wages and salaries for the seven employees of the Northern Islands Mayor's Office who work with personnel from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife and the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

The terrestrial survey is expected to be completed by end of August.

Aldan said they are pleased that Fish and Wildlife coordinated with them for the terrestrial survey, adding that in the past, their office has always been "the last to know of whatever it is that's going on" in the Northern Islands.

"People should be aware that whatever that's going to be conducted in the Northern Islands, this office needs to be notified," he said.

Aldan also said they are thankful to Manny Pangelinan of DLNR and Earl Campbell of Fish and Wildlife for the "tremendous help" they have extended to their office.

Aldan said that after the terrestrial survey project, they will work on the resettlement of the Northern Islands.

He said they will check on available resources and work closely with the Saipan and Northern Islands Delegation in carrying out their resettlement plans.

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INVITATION FOR BID
PSS IFB 10-082

"REPAIR/REPLACEMENT OF ROOF FOR GTC ELEMENTARY, TANAPAG ELEMENTARY, GARAPAN ELEMENTARY AND OLEAI ELEMENTARY"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting sealed bids for **Repair/Replacement of Roof for GTC, Tanapag, Garapan, and Oleai Elementary Schoo**l on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The Scope of Work and project package are available beginning on June 29, 2010 Pacific Quick Print for a fee of $38.90.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference on July 16, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at PSS Conference Room, 2nd Floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan. Bids will not be accepted from any bidder who failed to attend this pre-bid conference. Questions may be submitted in writing to Fax No. (670) 323-1075 or emailed to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia at lizb@emchen.com no later than July 22, 2010, 4:30p.m.

All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked **"IFB 10-082"** containing one (1) original with three (3) copies and submitted to the PSS Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than 9:00a.m., local time, August 2, 2010. If no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be publicly opened at 9:00 a.m. local time, August 6, 2010 in the 2nd Floor Conference Room, NMI Retirement Fund Building.

Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Procurement Officer no later than 9:00 a.m. local time on August 6, 2010 and may be transmitted via fax to (670) 664-3791 or email to robert.florian@cnmipss.org. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and three copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than August 6, 2010 and must be received no later than August 17, 2010 in which case all bids will be opened at 9:00 a.m., August 19, 2010

This project is funded under the AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) with "Buy America" Provisions.

/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed. D.
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PSS IFB 10-083

"REPAIR/REPLACEMENT OF ROOF FOR SAN VICENTE ELEMENTARY, WSR ELEMENTARY AND HOPWOOD JR. HIGH SCHOOL"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting sealed bids for **Repair/Replacement of Roof for San Vicente Elementary, WSR Elementary and Hopwood Jr. High School** on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The Scope of Work and project package are available beginning on June 29, 2010 Pacific Quick Print for a fee of $38.90.

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Head Start staff learns social service tools, techniques

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REPORTER

Fifteen staff from the Public School System's Head Start program began yesterday a four-day seminar that will provide them with new and effective social service tools and techniques.

Conducted by visiting expert Dr. Marvin Ali, the seminar is called the "Intermediate Social Work and Mental Health Training for Family Service Advocates" and is being held at Tanapag Elementary School.

Ali's presentation yesterday gave an overview of crisis intervention, assessment, and evaluation process. Today, participants are expected to learn important issues about problem gambling, substance abuse, domestic violence behavior, and other social issues that affect families. The final two-day sessions will focus on techniques to develop family dynamics such as using motivational interviews and appreciative inquiry.

He lauded the commitment of PSS personnel to upgrade their learning and emphasized the importance of respecting cultures, languages, and traditions of individuals being served in the program.

Ali pointed out that some community needs have changed due to federalization issues in the Commonwealth. He said taking the pro-active approach to address the effects of such changes is always important.

Ali is a consultant of ACS Inc. and has been providing professional development for PSS personnel in the last three years. Each year's session aims to upgrade the lessons learned from previous trainings he conducted for employees.

He said it is his intent to provide CNMI social service providers a better understanding of their field and help them hone their skills by assisting them with the key elements, new research, and strategies.

Ali's session was created in collaboration with the Northern Marianas College to offer the continuing education units, or CEU, which provides three units for the first two days of the session and three units for the last sessions.

Saipan Tribune learned that at present there is no program offered on the island that provides college credits for staffers who want to apply for a credentialed program in social services.

California-based Dr. Marvin Ali, seated center, poses with CNMI family service advocates who are undergoing an Intermediate Social Work and Mental Health Training for Family Service Advocates III, which kicked off yesterday at the Tanapag Elementary School.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

IN TINIAN CEMETERY RAPE CASE,

'OAG twice failed to respond to suspect's motion to suppress statement to police'

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REPORTER

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman has rapped the Office of the Attorney General for twice failing to respond to a motion filed by a rape suspect, saying he cannot continue giving the OAG a chance to respond to the motion.

In an order issued yesterday, Wiseman said he cannot just ignore OAG's inaction and keep giving the government yet another opportunity to oppose Joseph Ray Arriola Jr.'s motion to suppress the statement given to a police officer.

"Upon review of the filing, the court will make a final determination on whether or not defendant's motion to suppress should be granted," he said.

Arriola and Kurt B. King are accused of raping a drunk woman at a cemetery on Tinian in the early morning hours of Dec. 5, 2009.

Arriola had filed a motion to suppress the statements he gave to a police officer.

At the hearing on May 14, 2010, at the Tinian Superior Court, the OAG did not file any motion to oppose Arriola's motion. The court gave the government until June 1, 2010 to file any response to the motion.

On June 11, 2010, the government still failed to reply to the motion. At that point, Wiseman expressed concern and took the matter under advisement.

Wiseman said Thursday that, having reviewed Arriola's motion, he found it unsupported by any declaration and that it was based merely on information and belief of Arriola's lawyer.

"A motion and argument basing its premise on information and belief cannot be said to satisfy the evidentiary requirement of being based on personal knowledge, and therefore, is inadequate to support a motion to suppress," Wiseman said.

The judge pointed out that moving papers must be supported by a declaration of the defendant himself or by one with knowledge of the facts.

If Arriola wants to pursue the motion, Wiseman said he should file a declaration by either himself or one by a person, other than his lawyer, with personal knowledge of the disputed facts on or before June 30, 2010.

On Friday, June 25, Arriola filed a motion asking Wiseman to reconsider. Arriola argued that the court should either grant his motion immediately or grant his motion upon filing an affidavit or declaration, without permitting the government to oppose.

Wiseman agreed with Arriola's motion for reconsideration.

The judge said as a general rule, any motion filed in court may be opposed by an opposing party.

However, he said, in view of the circumstances surrounding this case, he believes the OAG has been given enough opportunities to oppose Arriola's motion, but has failed to do so.

"Thus, the government has not been diligent in providing any opposition to defendant's motion to suppress and has further failed to respond to such serious allegations against a Tinian police officer regarding his methods of questioning and interrogation," Wiseman said.

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WIC WOMEN · INFANTS · CHILDREN

Please be advised the Department of Health and Human Services has yet to publish a new poverty guideline. As a result, the 2009-2010 income guidelines (below) remains in effect until further notice.

ANNOUNCEMENT

WIC Income Eligibility Guidelines 2009-2010

On March 6, 2009, a Notice announcing the revised WIC Income Eligibility Guidelines was published in the Federal Register. The adjusted income eligibility guidelines are used by State agencies in determining the income eligibility of persons applying to participate in the WIC Program. WIC State agencies must implement the new guidelines effective July 1, 2009.

To be eligible on the basis of income, applicants' gross income (i.e. before taxes are withheld) must fall at or below 185 percent of the U.S. Poverty Income Guidelines (see below).

WIC Income Eligibility Guidelines
(Effective from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010)

48 Contiguous States, D.C., Guam and Territories					
	Annual	Monthly	Twice-Monthly	Bi-Weekly	Weekly
1	20,036	1,670	835	771	386
2	26,955	2,247	1,124	1,037	519
3	33,874	2,823	1,412	1,303	652
4	40,793	3,400	1,700	1,569	785
5	47,712	3,976	1,988	1,836	918
6	54,631	4,553	2,277	2,102	1,051
7	61,550	5,130	2,565	2,368	1,184
8	68,469	5,706	2,853	2,634	1,317
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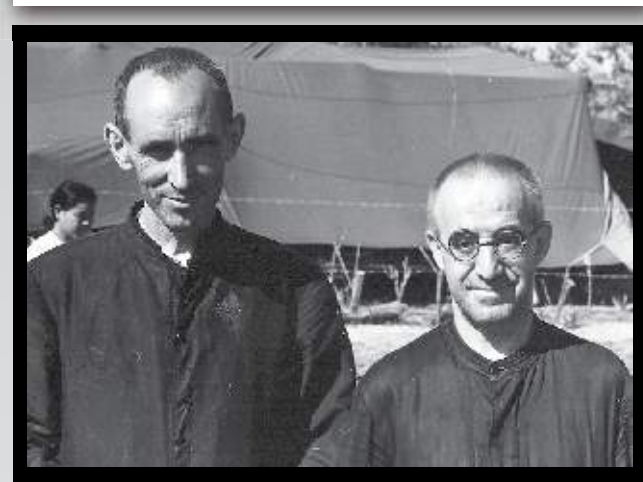
THE NMI Council for the Humanities, in collaboration with the *Saipan Tribune*, is running a series of photographs in this section every Tuesday and is inviting the public to identify the persons or places featured in this section.

If you can identify the persons or places in the picture, please contact the NMI Council for the Humanities by telephone (235-4785), via email (photo@nmihumanities.org) or by visiting the Council's office located in Springs Plaza, Gualo Rai. These images are from the Council's Historic Photograph Database which is currently being developed to help document the history and cultures of the CNMI.



The persons featured in last week's photo have been identified as Brother Gregorio Oroquita, left, and Father Jose Tardio, SJ. Photo taken at Camp Susupe in 1944. Identified by L.J. Castro, Rosa Royal, Lydia Camacho, Eulogio Camacho and Chong Torres.

Retirees group wants early retirement measure 'killed'

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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Retirees Association is strongly opposed to an early retirement bill pending at the Legislature and wants the Senate to kill the proposal, saying it would only burden the Retirement Fund, already in the midst of a financial crisis.

In a letter to Senate President Paul Manglona and Sen. Luis Crisostomo, CRA vice chair William Barrineau said that Senate Bill 17-27, which encourages members to retire early from government service, would adversely impact the agency.

Barrineau

"This bill, if passed, would surely add to, if not hasten, the financial deaths of the Retirement Fund," stated Barrineau's letter, which was signed by association officers and directors.

Senate Bill 17-27 was offered by Sen. Francisco Q. Cruz (R-Tinian). It seeks to amend the Retirement Fund Act to allow Class I members to retire early without being penalized.

CRA members said they join the Fund's board of trustees in opposing the legislation, citing an earlier letter the Fund sent the Legislature.

"The Fund's letter provides many reasons… and makes it unquestionably clear, why this bill is not in the best interest of the Fund, the retirees or the tax payers of the CNMI. We, the CRA Board of Directors, therefore urge you to kill this bill and to work together with the trustees and the members of CRA to seek ways and means to ensure the financial health of the Fund," the group added.

The Fund's board earlier opposed the same bill, arguing it will increase and not reduce the cash-strapped CNMI government's liabilities. The trustees also cited an existing law that prohibits the passage of any increased member benefits unless ratified in a referendum.

The trustees disclosed that, of the estimated 3,500 members of the defined benefit plan who have yet to retire, 331 would be eligible for early retirement before Dec. 31, 2010, without reduced pension if this legislation is enacted. They noted that the bill will allow those with at least 10 years of vested service to the DB plan to retire as if they were eligible to retire.

"To allow Class 1 defined benefit members age 52 with 10 years of service to retire with pension as if they were 62 years of age with the same years of service is an increase in benefits that would add to the unfunded liabilities of the Fund and contribute to its early demise, to the detriment of all members of the defined benefit plan," the board said.

"Assuming pension benefits for these members are calculated under 'normal retirement' guidelines, the first year cost of the retirement annuities of these individuals is estimated to be over $2.7 million and the cost would increase annually, due to COLA [cost for living allowance]," they added.

The Fund currently pays pension to 3,100 retirees and their dependents. The total annual pension amounts to over $5 million.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

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June 29, 2010

THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE CRM OFFICES:

APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. Pacific Eagle Enterprise	05/25/10 SSm-2010-X-051	Filming	Shoreline Areas	Shoreline APC	Approved (5/27/10)*
2. YTS Micronesia	05/26/10 SSm-2010-X-052	Filming	Shoreline Areas	Shoreline APC	Approved (5/27/10)*
3. David Johnson	05/10/10 SPIm-2010-X-053	Dry Dock	Puerto Rico	Port & Industrial APC	Approved (6/14/10)*
4. Joy Marine Sports	06/14/10 SS/LR-2010-X-054	Jet Ski Operation	Susupe Lagoon	Lagoon & Reef APC	Approved (6/17/10)*
5. Good Day Coordinating	06/16/10 SSm-2010-X-055	Filming	Shoreline Areas	Shoreline APC	Approved (6/17/10)*
6. Department of Public Lands DLNR Parks & Recreation	06/24/10 SSm-2010-X-056	July 4th Camp-Out	Shoreline Areas	Shoreline APC	Under Review*

Publication of the above list is in accordance with CRM Regulations, which require all permit applications to be published in a local newspaper within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the CRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the CRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APC's) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local CRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a CRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the CRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the CRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the CRM Regulations.

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

June 29, 1999

PSS to install censorship software

The Public School System will install blocking software in public school computers that would filter materials "deemed inappropriate for minors" such those found in pornography and hate websites, a PSS federal program officer said yesterday. Bill Matson, fiscal officer and federal program coordinator for PSS, said the installation of the blocking software is a requirement set by the filtering legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives, which seeks to regulate the federal government's telecommunication subsidy program for all public schools in all states and territories. The Safe Schools Internet Act, passed by the US House last Friday, complements the Federal Communication Commission's Universal Service (E-Rate) Program, which provides that the federal government would shoulder 80 percent of communications costs, including Internet and phones bills, of every public school in the US.

Legal fees thin special ed budget

Attorney's fees brought by complaints from guardians of children with special needs are taking its toll on the shrinking budget allotted for the special education of the Public School System. Special Education Program Coordinator Franklin R. Perez said PSS spends $200 per day when complaints lodged in are brought to court. This daily legal expenditure will easily translate to $200,000 each year which should have gone to serve the needs of children. Perez said based on federal regulations, complaints can be pursued through the complaint procedure and due process.

June 29, 2000

Teno lauds passage of omnibus bill

Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio yesterday welcomed the passage of the new version of the proposed Omnibus Labor and Business Reform Act, saying it is the consensus reached by his administration and the Senate with the private sector. At the same time, he assured that efforts to establish garment manufacturing business on Rota and Tinian are not meant to backslide on earlier labor and immigration reforms that included moratorium on the issuance of new licenses for factories on Saipan. Although he has not read the amendments made by the Senate to the proposal under HB 12-39, the governor hinted at supporting the new substitute which cleared the upper house on Tuesday after more than three months since its passage in the House of Representatives.

Bilingual programs need more support

Pacific Islands Bilingual Bicultural Association local chapter president Jesus Elemato is calling for more legislative support in the expansion of bilingual education in the Northern Marianas, one of the Commonwealth's underfunded educational programs. Mr. Elameto said that one major factor that hampers CNMI from going further than its current pace in this area of study is cost. "We always look at the costs. But the more we focus on the expense, the lesser we are likely to see vast improvements in the future," said Mr. Elameto, Tanapag Elementary School principal.

June 29, 2001

CPA to sue Mobil

The Commonwealth Ports Authority is preparing a lawsuit against Mobil Oil Marianas, due to its persistent refusal to shoulder part of the expenses incurred in the cleaning up of aviation fuel that leaked at the Saipan International Airport early this year. Ports officials expressed displeasure over Mobil's stance on numerous requests made by CPA, which practically asks the oil company to shoulder part of the cleanup costs, including professional fees due a hazardous management team contracted for the operation. CPA Board Chair Roman S. Palacios disclosed that CPA legal counsel Jose S. Dela Cruz has started drafting the complaint, which is expected to be lodged before the local court "in the next few weeks."

Over Dump Project TAG, CRM to iron out differences

A group of Tanapag residents and government officials said they are willing to sit down to thresh out disagreements over the construction of the Lower Base refuse transfer station. "We would demand that all members of the (Solid Waste) task force and the CRM (Coastal Resources Management) board be present in the meeting," said Juan I. Tenorio, Tanapag Action Group chair. CRM's Board of Directors is composed of officials from different government agencies that include the Division of Environmental Quality, Department of Commerce, Department of Public Works, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, and the Department of Lands and Natural Resources.

Serious beating by ex-husband caused victim to leave island

A man accused of seriously beating his ex-wife so badly that she was forced to leave the island in fear has been sentenced to five years in prison with no possibility of parole.

In a written order issued on Friday, Superior Court associate judge Ramona V. Manglona said the egregiousness of Lorenzo Laropi Mettao's conduct was so bad it led to the filing of the first temporary restraining order against Mettao.

"This episode also caused so much fear in the victim that she left the island," the judge said.

Manglona said Mettao repeatedly punched the victim in the face, hit her with and against various objects, causing injuries and creating a high probability of death, or causing serious permanent disfigurement.

The judge said Mettao also repeatedly hit the victim on the face and head with a metal can and repeatedly hit her head against a television.

"Although this court was never presented with direct evidence of the extent of the injuries inflicted, one does not need to see such evidence to understand the impact [Mettao's] actions had on the victim," she said.

Mettao, an employee at the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., was convicted on the charge of assault with a dangerous weapon. He was ordered to start serving his sentence at the Department of Corrections on Sept. 30, 2010, at 8am.

Once he finishes his prison term, he will be placed on 10 years of supervised probation and required to pay restitution to the victim, a $500 fine, $100 court assessment fee, plus probation fee.

He was also ordered to perform 100 hours of community work and submit to counseling evaluation at the Community Guidance Center.

The Office of the Attorney General had charged Mettao with assault and battery, aggravated assault and battery, two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon, one count of attempted first-degree murder, and one count of attempted second-degree murder.

Attempted first degree murder is punishable by up to 20 years in jail, while attempted second degree murder is punishable also by up to 20 years imprisonment.

Mettao negotiated a plea bargain with the government, pleading guilty to assault with a dangerous weapon. In exchange, the remaining charges were dismissed.

By pleading guilty to the lesser charge of assault, Manglona said that Mettao avoided the possibility of being sentenced to a longer prison term.

The judge noted that court records do not show any prior criminal convictions, not even a traffic case, nor any prior temporary restraining orders against him.

Manglona said Mettao recognized the wrongfulness of his conduct and has accepted legal responsibility. Mettao also submitted to counseling for substance abuse and anger management.

"The court hopes that both of these factors will ensure that after defendant serves his sentence, he will return to the community as a law abiding citizen," Manglona said.

The plea agreement stated that on Sept. 21, 2009, on Saipan, Mettao repeatedly hit the victim's head with and against a television set. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

HR personnel learn of progressive discipline as a corrective measure

CLARISSA DAVID

Dr. John Griffin explains about progressive discipline during the general membership meeting of the Society of Human Resource Management CNMI Chapter Thursday at Charley's Cabaret of Pacific Islands Club.

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The chairperson of the Northern Marianas College Business Department discussed the concept of progressive discipline to the members of the Society for Human Resource Management CNMI Chapter Thursday at Pacific Islands Club Saipan's Charley's Cabaret.

Dr. John Griffin did a presentation on "Progressive Discipline and How to Do it Right" during SHRM's general membership meeting.

Progressive discipline refers to "a system of discipline wherein penalties increase with repeated negative occurrences." It aims to demonstrate to employees that reasonable efforts have been made to address their performance or behavior problem.

According to Griffin, employers are capable of getting their personnel to do what is expected of them without having to result to termination of erring employees right away.

Progressive discipline identifies the corresponding disciplinary action for every infraction committed by employee.

There are four steps in the structure of progressive discipline. An employee's first offense results in a verbal reprimand. Griffin underscored the need to do this step in private, specifying the violation committed and giving the employee the chance to explain his or her side.

A second offense calls for a written reprimand in which previous infractions as well as possible consequences must be identified.

The third offense warrants a suspension, the last form of corrective disciple and should not be more than three days.

Termination, the fourth and final step, is done after all measures have been exhausted.

Griffin said this system takes into consideration the employee's right to a due process. He mentioned case examples wherein companies lost considerable amounts of money because due process was not followed by the management.

Griffin emphasized that taking a proactive approach in dealing with employees who need to be disciplined and developing positive employee relations would create a positive impact in the workplace.

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COMMONWEALTH DEVELEOPMENT AUTHORITY, Plaintiff. vs. FELIPE Q. ATALIG, individually & dba CASA DE FELIPE and, ELVIRA CUSTODIO ATALIG, Defendants.

Civil Action No. 04-0242B

NOTICE OF SECOND AUCTION

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants Felipe Q. Atalig, individually and dba Casa de Felipe, and Elvira Custodio in the following described, real property situated in Ginalayan, Rota, CNMI will be sold at an auction:

Real estate mortgage on **Tract No. 21769-R2-2,** situated in Ginalayan, Rota, CNMI, containing an area of 900 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Subdivision Survey Plat of Tract 21796-R2, DLS Check No. 3007/95, recorded as File No. 95-841, at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office on April 05, 1995, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith;

And

Real estate mortgage on **Tract No. 21769-R2-3,** situated in Ginalayan, Rota, CNMI, containing an area of 900 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Subdivision Survey Plat of Tract 21769-R2, DLS Check No. 3007/95, recorded as File No. 95-841, at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office on April 05, 1995, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith;

And

Real estate mortgage on **Tract No. 21769-R2-4,** situated in Ginalayan, Rota, CNMI, Containing an area of 900 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Subdivision Survey Plat of Tract 21769-R2, DLS Check No. 3007/95, recorded as File No. 95-841, at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office on April 05, 1995, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith.

The auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan, at **2:00 p.m., on Friday, July 23, 2010**, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

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7. **Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact CDA for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of Felipe Q. Atalig, individually and dba Casa de Felipe, and Elvira Custodio Atalig in the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty, and subject to the redemption laws of the CNMI. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.**

Dated this 17th day of June 2010.

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Tract No. 21851 "A" situated in As Lito, Saipan, CNMI, containing an area of 20,000 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat Number 0256/77, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry as Document Number 7318, on the 4th of April 1978. Including all existing and future permanent improvements on the said real property, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith.

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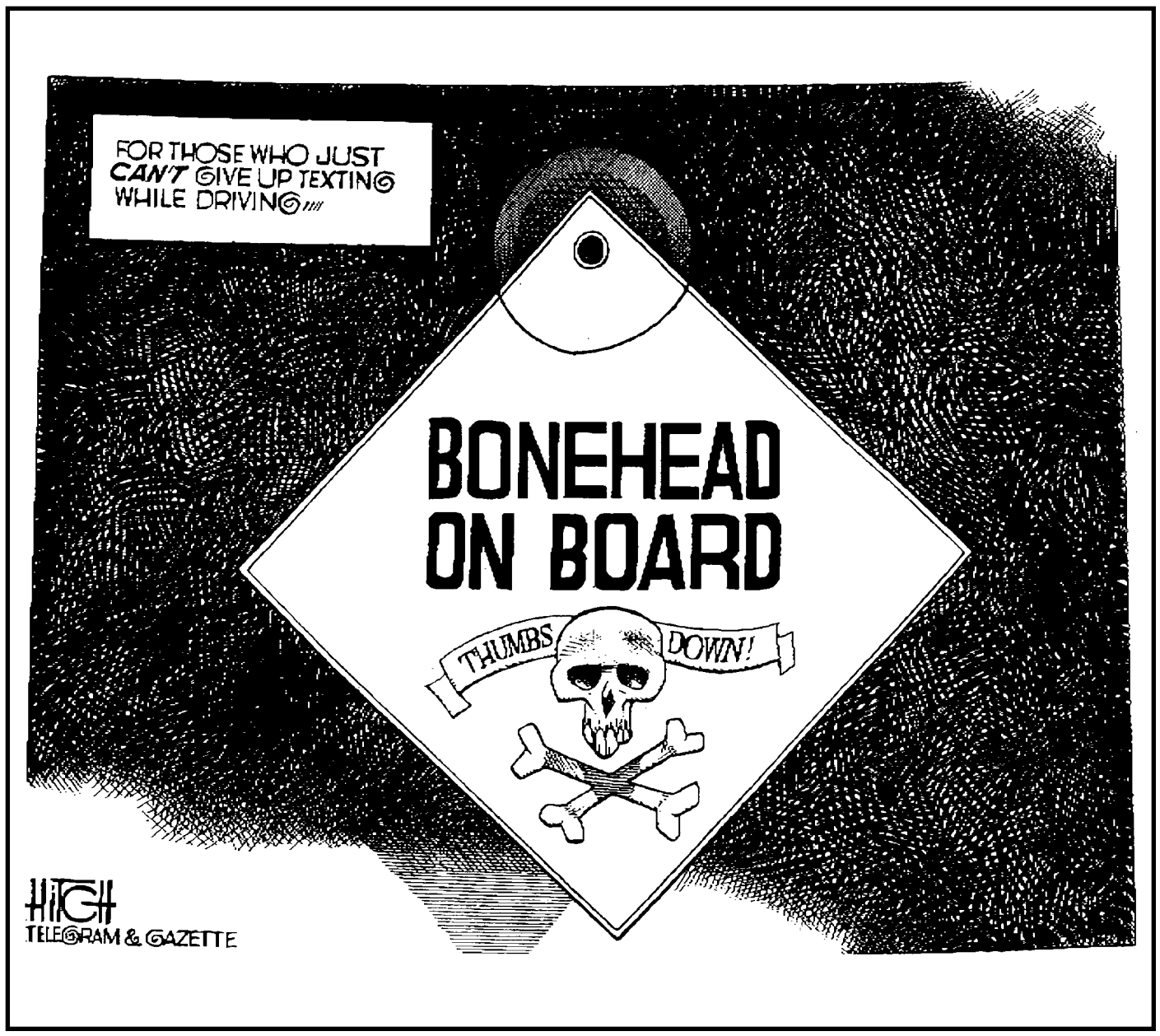

'To die for a tie': The Korean War, unconcluded

By STANLEY SANDLER
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SPRING LAKE, N.C.—It was America's fifth-bloodiest war, yet today, 60 years later, it is more often than not just considered "America's Forgotten War." Sixty years later, the American public seems to remember it, if at all, as a conflict occurring sometime between World War II and Vietnam, or maybe as the background for the 1970s TV show "M-A-S-H" (actually a Vietnam War story only superficially set in Korea).

World War II had ended in victory celebrations across the nation, and even the Vietnam War has about it something of a 1960s dramatic, romantic aura: peace, love, drugs, youth, protest ("Where Have All the Flowers Gone?"). By contrast, the Korean War (1950–53) was a part of the supposedly bland 1950s.

But at the time of the sudden, unexpected North Korean invasion on June 25, 1950, Americans saw this attack as a thrust directed by the Kremlin through its North Korean communist proxies. Such overt aggression roused even the United Nations, which branded North Korea the aggressor and commissioned the U.S. Far East commander, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, as chief of all U.N. forces in Korea. Ultimately, 16 U.N. nations contributed ground, air, or sea forces to the U.N. Command.

Two days after the invasion, in one of the most momentous decisions of his career, President Harry Truman, ordered U.S. military forces to the aid of South Korea. U.S. naval and air power quickly established absolute control of Korean waters and airspace. The introduction of U.S. ground forces did not go so smoothly.

The post-World War II years had been ones of savage cutbacks in U.S. military funding and development. At any rate, pundits had pontificated that the next war would be one of push buttons and atomic bombs dropped on Moscow by huge B-36 intercontinental bombers. Almost no one in Washington anticipated that U.S. troops only five years after V-J Day would find themselves down and dirty in someone else's rice paddy.

Northern Juggernaut

U.S. and North Korean troops first clashed at the village of Osan on July 5. The outgunned and outnumbered Americans of Task Force Smith saw their WW II bazooka rounds bounce harmlessly off Soviet-built T-34 tanks. The North Koreans shook off their infantry losses, rolled southward, and by August had pushed the Americans and their South Korean allies back into a tight perimeter around the port city of Pusan.

There the U.N. forces held—barely—even though they had complete control of the air and vast artillery superiority, until MacArthur's brilliant amphibious September landing at Inchon, well behind enemy lines. That operation opened the way for the devastation of the North Korean Army and its retreat back across the 38th Parallel. MacArthur affirmatively and quickly answered the question of whether the United Nations should advance northward across that artificial line, thus beginning the "Race to the Yalu," the river separating North Korea from China.

But the United States once again was caught flat-footed, this time by the Chinese Communists. MacArthur's forces were pushed back below the 38th Parallel in the longest retreat in U.S. military history. Finally, the Chinese, hammered relentlessly by U.N. air power, outran their supply train. U.N. resistance stiffened, and from early 1951 on, the battle lines stabilized.

After the Chinese intervention, MacArthur publicly demanded something like all-out war in Korea, including operations (possibly nuclear) against China. His challenge to the Truman administration and the Joint Chiefs of Staff led to the general's very unpopular and sensational firing by the president.

The Long Parley

All belligerent powers by this time were not keen on all-out war over Korea, MacArthur to the contrary. Then, on the first anniversary of the outbreak of the war, the communists called for armistice discussions. But in another surprise of the Korean War, the armistice negotiations would drag out for more than two years.

While negotiating at the border village of Panmunjom, both sides were determined to hold and improve their battlefield positions, beginning the wearying round of bitter battles for such obscure hills and ridges as Pork Chop Hill, Old Baldy, and Jane Russell Hill. The war in Korea by this time resembled something out of WW I's trench warfare with gains and retreats measured in yards. It was all far removed from the breathless "push-button, nuclear war" fantasies of the Sunday supplements.

Up to this point, the summer of 1951, the U.S. public had basically supported the war; North Korea had obviously committed aggression, and Americans focused on the seesaw conflict itself. But with the battle line stabilized, resentment surfaced. Stalemate is never popular. Was it right that American boys, embattled in Korea, might have to "die for a tie"? Many looked to MacArthur for a way out and came to detest the Truman administration's efforts to limit the war. Those who opposed the war (except for the hard left) wanted to wrap it up, "take the kid gloves off," even "drop the bomb."

In fact, the editors of Life Magazine apocalyptically wrote soon after the Chinese intervention that the U.S. must recognize that it really was engaged in a global war against communist global expansionism, and should act accordingly, even if that meant war with the Soviet Union!

Imaginings of an imminent Third World War began to subside after the spring of 1951; the battle lines had stabilized, truce talks were ongoing, and fewer U.S. soldiers were dying, even though a sad brief notice might appear in a local newspaper that some hometown boy had been killed in Korea. A sullen disgust began to dominate the American home front.

Life Goes On

Not that it was much of a home front anyway. There was no rationing, and the American economy continued to pump out autos, refrigerators, washing machines, TVs, and suburban tract houses. There were no protest marches, no waving of "End the War NOW" or "Bring the Boys Home" placards. Those activities would have been deemed illegal, even "treasonous." Many Americans did feel a passing elation with the electrocution of the communist atom-bomb spies, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg.

MacArthur's star did "fade away" in the wake of the MacArthur congressional hearings of 1951, followed by his hall-emptying speech before the 1952 GOP presidential nominating convention. By then, the Korean War was tangibly reaching Americans only through higher taxes and the draft, although substantially more U.S. inductees were being sent to Europe to head off the unlikely scenario of a massive Soviet invasion of West Germany.

Those Americans who cared enough to follow the war on television could view on their bulky black-and-white, three-channel TV sets the likes of the "Camel News Caravan" (all 15 minutes of it) in which anchorman John Cameron Swayze would chirp, "Sit back, light up a Camel, and enjoy today's news today." The "news" from Korea consisted of a few minutes of days-old film, heavily sanitized by the networks and the UN Command.

Meanwhile, theater newsreels might offer a few weekly clips, with dramatic background music, on the order of "UN Forces Battle Reds on Old Baldy," sandwiched between fashion shows or natural disasters. Hollywood produced few Korean War action films. Even John Wayne missed this one. The only war excitement by this time was focused over "MiG Alley," where the USAF's F-86 jet-fighter "kerosene cowboys" ultimately racked up a score of 12:1 in kills against their Soviet, North Korean, and Chinese MiG counterparts.

Ike's Itinerary

By 1952 Americans were so sick of the war that when GOP presidential candidate Dwight Eisenhower simply announced that "If elected, I shall go to Korea," the election was basically over. (Truman privately fumed that it was all just a "grandstand play.") President-elect Eisenhower duly went to Korea, ate Army chow, looked involved and presidential, and returned home.

Even the communists by then were getting tired of the war. The death of Josef Stalin in March 1953 opened the way for an armistice. Although Stalin hadn't actually started the war, he had express pleasure that "This war is getting on the nerves of the Americans." But early in 1953, communist negotiators no longer demanded that all U.N.-held POWs be forced to return against their will. (Twenty-one American POWs chose to remain on the Communist side, but all survivors subsequently returned to their capitalist hells.)

See KOREAN WAR on Next Page

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Parole revisited

IMMIGRATION FORUM

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Most foreigners living in the CNMI have more or less figured out how to obtain and use the various types of parole to travel in and out of the Commonwealth. In recent weeks, however, we have been hearing a rumor that the Ombudsman's Office has been advising people to apply for parole in-place in order to obtain a federal status, even if they already hold umbrella permits. The Ombudsman's Office has confirmed to us that this rumor is completely false, and that the Ombudsman's Office has given no such advice. But the truth never seems to stop a good rumor, and we have had many additional inquiries about parole. In today's column we will first review the different types of travel parole that are available and the purposes of each. We will then review the requirements and purposes of parole in-place.

Travel parole

If you are a foreigner residing in the CNMI on any type of legacy CNMI status and you wish to travel outside the CNMI to a foreign destination, to Guam or other parts of the United States, or even to transit through Guam's airport on your way to another country, you will need some form of parole to return to the CNMI and resume your CNMI status. The following are the types of travel parole that are currently available to foreign residents of the CNMI:

1. Advance parole: required for all aliens who travel to a foreign destination and seek to return to the CNMI to resume their CNMI status. The following are the essential elements of advance parole:

■ Requires a written application; photos, $305 filing fee, and specified documentation;

■ Issued by USCIS Guam Field Office. Currently 30 days processing time; not including mailing time. It is very important to send the application via DHL (or other courier service) or Express Mail and include DHL or Express Mail pre-paid return envelope. U.S. mail service is currently very slow and can add two or more weeks to the total waiting time before you receive your document.

■ OK to leave while application is pending (although there is risk of denial); will need to have document in hand to return to CNMI;

■ If you already have an Advance Parole Document, read it very carefully: some Advance Parole Documents issued after May 2010 have a transit through Guam provision. If it does, you do not need to obtain regular parole in addition to advance parole.

■ Advance parole may be one time or multiple entry. If it is multiple entry, it is usually good for one year from the time of issue.

2. Transit parole (Guam airport transit lounge only): The processing of this type of parole has undergone some changes since it was first introduced in the CNMI. It used to be that all foreigners, even if on their way to a foreign destination with an Advance Parole Document in hand, needed to have, in addition, a so called "regular parole" to transit through Guam airport. This is how we understand the current situation:

■ For citizens of the Philippines: Advance parole issued after May 2010 will likely include language that allows you to transit through the Guam airport (cannot go outside transit lounge, just to change planes). If you have an Advance Parole Document that does not allow you to transit through Guam, you will need to apply for parole at the Saipan ASC. You may want to have your Advance parole Document amended to include transit through Guam for future trips.

■ For citizens of Korea and Japan and other visa waiver countries: there is no need for transit parole because of visa waiver into Guam. Nevertheless, we have seen Advance Parole Documents issued to citizens of these countries that includes language allowing them to transit through Guam.

■ For citizens of China: we have seen **no transit parole** granted unless the person already has a B1/B2 visa. Our advice to our Chinese clients without a B1/B2 visa: travel to foreign destinations without transiting through Guam.

■ For citizens of all other countries: transit parole will be granted or withheld on a case by case basis.

■ Application for parole must be made at the Saipan ASC by appointment. See below.

3. Parole for travel to Guam/U.S. mainland: Please note that this is the most restrictive form of parole because it allows an alien without a U.S. visa to enter into the United States. You will need this form of parole if you want to go for a business meeting, professional training, conference, or academic event in the U.S. mainland or in Guam. The best way to ensure that you will be granted this type of parole is to have a B1/B2 visa. If you want to return to Saipan and resume your CNMI status, even if you have a B1/B2 visa, you will need this parole.

■ Issued by Saipan ASC (Form I-94).

■ Generally not available unless you have a B1/B2 visa.

■ Even if you have a B1/B2 visa, you will still need a I-94 from Saipan ASC **for each and every trip** if you want to return to the CNMI and resume your CNMI status.

■ There is no filing fee for this type of parole, but you do need a personal appointment at the ASC in Saipan. An appointment must be made on line (http://infopass.uscis.gov/). Currently, there are only two appointment days still available for July, so you need to plan well ahead.

■ May be available in a medical emergency or other similar compelling situations, without a B1/B2 visa, and without an advance appointment, on a case by case basis.

■ This type of visa is not available without a B1/B2 visa for vacations, family visits, graduations, shopping and the like.

Parole In-Place

There is another type of parole, called parole in-place, that is not a travel document. Rather, it is a document granting temporary status. It protects the holder, who is not eligible for any other form of U.S. immigration status, from removal, which is the currently acceptable term for deportation. Soon after the CRNA was enacted in May 2008, it became apparent that there were a number of vulnerable groups of people living in the CNMI, in legal CNMI status, for whom the CRNA made no provision. Without some form of extraordinary relief, these people would be subject to removal after the expiration of their CNMI status, or after Nov. 27, 2011 at the latest. In order to remedy this situation, USCIS established a policy whereby members of certain vulnerable groups, legally residing in the CNMI on Nov. 28, 2010, would be eligible for parole in-place. The following are the groups of aliens whose members are eligible for parole in-place:

■ CNMI permanent residents;

■ Immediate relatives of CNMI permanent residents;

■ Spouses and children of deceased CNMI permanent residents; and

■ The immediate relatives of citizens of the Freely Associated States (the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands).

There is no fee for this type of parole; it is good for two years, and it is renewable. BUT: be aware that there is no entitlement to this parole. It is discretionary and subject to the general grounds of exclusion, such as criminal history.

If you get this type of parole, you may also apply to USCIS for a work authorization (Form I 765; filing fee $340). Detailed Questions and Answers regarding this type of parole are available at http://tinyurl.com/2cbr699.

On April 21, 2010, USCIS issued an advisory for foreign workers residing in the CNMI whose CNMI permits were expiring and who have no umbrella permits. Many of these workers have been awaiting the publication final regulations of the CW rules. "CW" is a new visa category, established pursuant to the CNRA, to provide U.S. non-immigrant status for foreign workers who are not eligible for other forms of U.S. status, such as green cards or employment based status such as H-1. It has been estimated that well over 90% of the foreign workers in the CNMI will qualify only for CW status. Nevertheless, because final regulations are still lacking, this status is not yet available. In order to respond to the legitimate expectations of foreign workers who planned to convert to CW status prior to the expiration of their CNMI permits, USCIS is making available parole in-place for therm. For details see http://tinyurl.com/2c6blf9.

So now we come to the issue that initiated this column: What about those who believed the false rumor about "federal status" and have applied in-place parole even if their current CNMI permits have not expired or even if they hold umbrella permits? The in-place parole system was not designed for them. USCIS has repeatedly affirmed that it will honor umbrella permits as legitimate work authorization, at least until Nov. 27, 2011. It will honor CNMI permits up until their date of expiration prior to Nov. 27, 2011. In-place parole is an extraordinary remedy, limited to very specific circumstances. A desire to convert to a U.S. status, while in possession of another legitimate status such as an umbrella permit, is an attempt to make an end run around both the spirit and the letter of the parole in-place system, which was initiated by USCIS to provide humanitarian relief to people who have no alternative. Worse, a large number of such applications can swamp the system, preventing the USCIS from processing other kinds of applications, and perhaps "poisoning the well" of good will from which humanitarian relief springs. Of course, no one can prevent you from making any application you want—but this is one you shouldn't make unless you actually qualify for parole in-place.

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Letter to the Editor

Yielding to cyclists is the law

On Sunday a bike rider was hit by a careless and ill-informed taxi driver. Fortunately, the rider sustained no physical injuries. He easily could have. He easily could have died, as have many cyclist hit by inconsiderate drivers. The driver defended himself by stating roads are for cars and not bikes, and it's the cyclist's responsibility to avoid being hit. That was his belief and why he gave the cyclist little room and hit him even though the Middle Road left lane was wide open and available to safely move over into. The DPS Police proved to him how wrong he was, and a big thanks is owed to them for their appropriate response to the incident.

This is written to inform all drivers to be careful and considerate to cyclist that share the roads and that cyclists not only have the same right to use the roads as vehicles, but more. Drivers need to always yield to cyclist even if there is only one lane or oncoming traffic, to always wait for a safe opportunity to pass and to give cyclists ample room when passing, and to realize and remember that it's the law to do so.

Paul Plunkett
San Vicente, Saipan

KOREAN WAR

From Page 10

The signing of the armistice agreement at Panmunjom on July 27, 1953 fixed the status quo. Both sides agreed to stay in place along the battle line, which was not all that different from the border between North and South Korea on June 25, 1950. No cheers, no jubilation followed the signing—just a sigh of relief.

Men had indeed "died for a tie"—more than 36,000 Americans in combat, and about a million or more North and South Koreans and Chinese. However, South Korea had been saved, the apocalypse tarried, Ike was settled in the White House, and most of the boys were coming home.

But today U.S. and South Korean troops still face a nuclear-armed North Korean rogue state. Will the Korean peninsula hang fire for another six decades?

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds around 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers and afternoon thunderstorms. Light and variable winds.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. A slight chance of thunderstorms during the afternoon.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. A slight chance of thunderstorms during the afternoon.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. A slight chance of thunderstorms during the afternoon.
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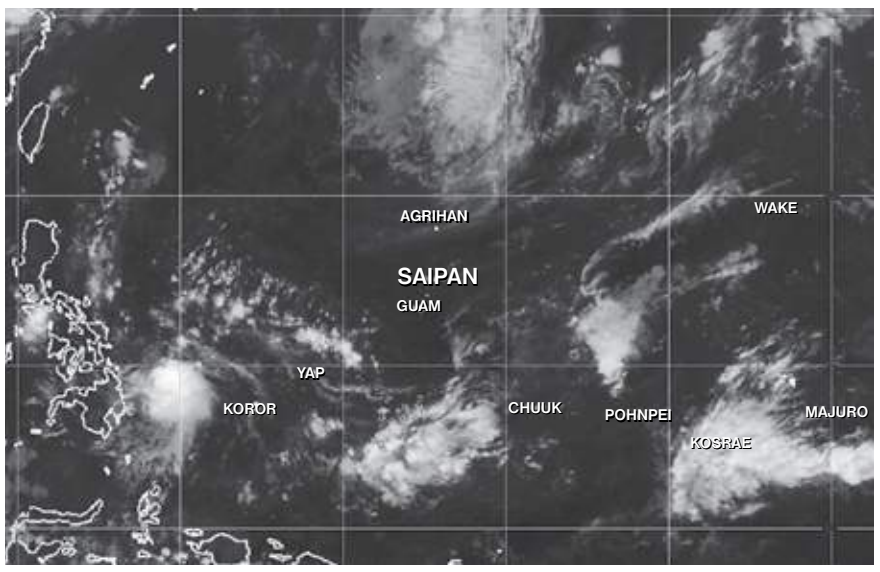
Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲87	▼79
Palau	Showers	▲85	▼78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼77
Pohnpei	Showers	▲87	▼76
Kosrae	Showers	▲88	▼78
Majuro	Rain	▲85	▼78

Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲58	▼53
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲97	▼72
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲87	▼74
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼74
London	Showers	▲79	▼60
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲75	▼62
Manila	Thundershowers	▲89	▼76
Melbourne	Showers	▲51	▼42
Miami	Thundershowers	▲91	▼81
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲88	▼67
Osaka	Thundershowers	▲83	▼72
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼59
Pusan	Thundershowers	▲77	▼70
Rome	Sunny	▲86	▼64
Salem	Mostly Cloudy	▲70	▼49
San Francisco	Sunny	▲64	▼54
Seoul	Thundershowers	▲83	▼69
Tokyo	Thundershowers	▲81	▼75
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲90	▼70

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 2010
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A tropical disturbance is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms near Palau between 6N and 12N from 130E to 135E. Trade-wind convergence combined with upper-level divergence is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms north of Yap within 100 miles of a line from 15N134E to 11N142E and southeast of Yap between 1N and 6N from 139E to 149E. Scattered showers are also found near Butaritari between 3N and 5N from 168E to the date line. A low-level trough stretches southward from 14N157E to 6N155E. A few showers and isolated thunderstorms are found near Pohnpei and northeast of Chuuk within 150 miles of the trough axis. Another trough stretches southwest near Kwajalein from 9N169E to 2N164E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are occurring southeast of Kosrae and near Kwajalein within 150 miles of the trough axis.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

3:47 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.2 Feet
8:18 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
3:46 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
10:48 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:50 AM	6:51 PM
Wednesday	5:50 AM	6:51 PM
Thursday	5:50 AM	6:51 PM
Friday	5:51 AM	6:51 PM
Saturday	5:51 AM	6:51 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	8:56 PM	7:55 AM
Wednesday	9:33 PM	8:45 AM
Thursday	10:08 PM	9:32 AM
Friday	10:43 PM	10:18 AM
Saturday	11:17 PM	11:04 AM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 27, 2010

DEPARTURES

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM

C09597	5:00am	5:30am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUAM

C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	Daily
C09605	6:35pm	7:25pm	Daily
C09599	9:35pm	10:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	5:55am	8:35am	Daily
DL297	3:35pm	6:15pm	Daily
DL289	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ604	2:20am	6:10am	1
OZ604	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ606	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

CZ3008	3:30am	6:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ604/701	2:20am	11:25am	1 via ICN
OZ604/701	2:50am	11:25am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ606/703	2:20am	11:00pm	1 via ICN
OZ606/703	2:50am	11:00pm	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ608/705	3:20am	12:10am+1	1, 5 via PUS
C09317/891	4:25am	9:45am	6 via GUM
C09603/893	3:05pm	9:10pm	3, 5 via GUM-Palau
C09603/933	3:05pm	8:40pm	Daily via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG

OZ604/721	2:20am	11:45am	1 via ICN
OZ604/721	2:50am	11:45am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ606/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	4, 6, 7 via ICN
C09603/909	3:05am	9:30pm	1, 5 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM-ROTA (ROP)

C09598	6:30pm	7:00pm	4, 7

GUAM-SAIPAN

C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
C09596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily
C09600	10:05am	10:55am	Daily
C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09604	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
C09606	8:10pm	9:00pm	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL290	10:00am	2:35pm	Daily
DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily
DL288	8:40pm	1:15am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ605	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ603	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

CZ3007	7:30pm	2:40am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

OZ704/605	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ706/607	3:35am	2:20am+1	4, 7 via PUS
C0890/9606	10:55am	9:00pm	6 via GUM
OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/C09596	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
C0892/9596	10:10pm	7:50am+1	3,5 via GUM-Palau
C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	Daily via GUM

HONG KONG-SAIPAN

OZ724/605	12:30am	2:20pm	2 ,4 ,6, 7 via ICN
OZ750/605	1:00am	2:20pm	2, 4 ,6 ,7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C0910/9596	10:35pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM

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FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
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FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

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High Court: NMI govt owes landlord $1.8M, interest

On Friday, June 25, 2010, the Supreme Court held that when the Commonwealth government breached a lease for office space with Joaquin M. Manglona, the government failed to carry its burden of proof in establishing that Manglona did not take commercially reasonable steps to find a new tenant. Based solely on Manglona's testimony, the government attempted to prove that the steps Manglona took to find new tenants were insufficient. The government did not produce any witnesses or other evidence establishing that Manglona's efforts were inadequate. To the contrary, Manglona testified about his fruitless attempts to locate new tenants, and produced some evidence to that effect.

The case arose from a lease the government had with Manglona for office space at a warehouse he owned by the airport. The government signed a multi-year lease with Manglona, but several years before the lease expired, the government abandoned the premises. The government still owed Manglona over $1.8 million in rent for the remainder of the lease term. Manglona sued the government for the $1.8 million it would have paid him if it had honored the lease.

The Supreme Court also found that the prejudgment interest rate awarded by the Superior Court was inadequate. Prejudgment interest is interest that accrues on money that one party should have paid another, but failed to do so. In this instance, Manglona was entitled to interest on the $1.8 million because he was entitled to that money under the terms of the lease. Since the government failed to honor the lease, Manglona suffered harm from not receiving the money when he should have, and as a result, is entitled to be compensated for that loss. The Supreme Court found that a 3-percent prejudgment interest rate awarded by the Superior Court was inadequate to compensate Manglona for his actual losses. The case was remanded to the Superior Court to determine an adequate interest rate that would compensate Manglona for his actual losses.

The Supreme Court's full opinion is *Joaquin M. Manglona, v. Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands*, 2010 MP 10, and can be found at http://www.justice.gov.mp/. ***(PR)***

Sgt. Blas completes executive course on regional security

Blas

HONOLULU—CNMI Department of Public Safety's Sgt. Thomas Blas completed the "Executive Course: Advanced Security Cooperation" course from the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies last June 16.

Blas, who received his diploma from APCSS Director U.S. Army Lt. Gen. (retired) Ed Smith, joined 80 other military and civilian government leaders from 39 countries and territories who attended the six-week course to study regional security.

Attending the regional security course were representatives from Afghanistan, American Samoa, Australia, Bhutan, Cambodia, Chile, China, Colombia, Egypt, Fiji, Guam, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kiribati, Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Mongolia, Nauru, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Saipan, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Taiwan, Tanzania, Thailand, Tonga, United States, Vanuatu, and Vietnam.

The six-week executive course focus is on building relationships among mid-career leaders and decision makers within the region. Its curriculum emphasizes the non-war fighting aspects of security and international relations, and challenges Fellows to develop regional and transnational perspectives. Security is examined as a comprehensive mix of political, economic, social, military, diplomatic, information and ecological dimensions.

The Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies is a Department of Defense academic institute that addresses regional and global security issues. Military and civilian representatives, most from the U.S. and Asia-Pacific nations, participate in a comprehensive program of executive education, professional exchanges and outreach events, both in Hawaii and throughout the Asia-Pacific region. APCSS' mission is to educate, connect, and empower security practitioners to advance Asia-Pacific security.

The executive course students discussed national policy, and how the economic, diplomatic, political, cultural and military elements of power affect stability and security of the region as a whole. To date, the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies has had representatives from 94 countries and four international organizations attend the courses at the Center for a total of 5,015 alumni. ***(PR)***

CLEANUP PROJECT
A total of 22 volunteers, members, and officers of The Northern Marianas Badminton Association pose at the Oleai Sports Complex after conducting a cleanup on June 19, 2010, at the complex. The cleanup was held in time for the preparation of the Marianas Cup which was held the same day in the afternoon. The group has adopted the site as their regular cleanup project.
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Tinian summer reading program set

The Mayor's Office, in collaboration with Tinian Skills Inc., is launching its 2010 Summer Reading Program. Registration forms can be picked up at the Mayor's Office, the Tinian Public Library, the health clinic or the post office. Submit completed application forms to the public library or the Office of the Mayor. Program starts on July 8, 2010, and will last until Aug. 27, 2010. Orientation is on July 6, 2010, at 10am. ***(PR)***

KHS Summer School rescheduled

The Kagman High School's Summer School has bee rescheduled for July 6 to Aug. 13, 2010 (same time, from 8am to 2pm). For questions or concerns, call the KHS Main Office at 237-3840. ***(PR)***

CCA board to meet today

The Commonwealth Cancer Association board of directors will be convening its monthly meeting today, June 29, starting 2pm at the Department of Public Health, Secretary's Conference Room No. 2.

The agenda will include a presentation from University of Guam researchers on a betel nut and oral cancer pilot study to be conducted in the CNM, submittal of the final 2010 Marianas March Against Cancer Committee Report, discussion of an upcoming Pacific Center for Excellence in Elimination of Disparities grant funding opportunity, and reports from board committees and the program manager.

All CCA board meetings are open to the public, and any interested member of the community is welcome to attend. For more information, contact CCA at 682-0050 or email cca@ccamarianas.org. ***(PR)***

21 NMC internship slots for juniors, seniors

Twenty-one high school juniors and seniors will be offered the opportunity to spend their summer developing their research and outreach skills in the fields of nutrition, entomology, aquaculture, plant pathology, agriculture, and food quality and safety.

The positions are offered through the 2010 High School Summer Internship Program at the Northern Marianas College's Cooperative Research Extension and Education Service.

The program, which offers 16 positions on Saipan, one on Tinian, and four on Rota, will take place from July 19 through Aug. 13, 2010.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens, should have an interest in the mentioned fields, and must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher (current transcript). The deadline to submit applications and required documents is July 2, 2010.

For more information, contact the CREES office at 234-5498 ext. 1705 or 1707. Applications can be picked up at the CREES office in Building F (Saipan campus) or at the Tinian and Rota administration offices. They can also be downloaded at http://crees.org/news.asp. ***(NMC)***

PIC Saipan scholarship deadline on July 2

The Northern Marianas College is reminding students that the deadline to apply for the Pacific Islands Club Saipan Scholarship is Friday, July 2, 2010.

Application forms for the PIC Saipan Scholarship are available for pick up at the Northern Marianas College Financial Aid Office, or can by downloaded at the college's Web site at www.nmcnet.edu.

The PIC Saipan Scholarship will be providing seven NMC students $500 a semester for up to three semesters. The scholarships are based on merit and financial need and will be awarded on the bases of the candidate's community involvement, academic background, letters of recommendation, and a written essay. An interview may also be required.

To be eligible, a student must be a U.S. citizen (or green card holder) and a CNMI resident for the past three years; be accepted and enrolled as a full-time student at NMC; have a high school or college cumulative GPA of 2.00 or better; and, be able to demonstrate financial need.

For more information, contact NMC's Financial Aid Office at 234-5498 Ext. 1527. ***(NMC)***

Military sets training on Warning Area-517, FDM

SANTA RITA, Guam—The Air Force will conduct training on Warning Area-517 on June 28-July 2 from 7 a.m.-midnight and on the island of Farallon de Medinilla on June 30 and July 2, from 7am to 8pm.

The general public, especially fisherman, commercial pilots and marine tour operators, are advised to stay clear from these areas during the times and dates indicated.

W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising of 14,000 nautical miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. W-517 supports surface and aerial gunnery, missiles, and laser exercises. This will affect fishing in the vicinity of Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants. ***(USN)***

Hopwood calendar of activities

■ Hopwood Junior High School will be having its summer school session from July 6, 2010, to Aug. 13, 2010. Classes will begin at 8am and will end at 12pm, Mondays to Thursdays. As food will not be provided for the students, parents are encouraged to provide snacks for their child. Buses will be provided for the duration of the program. Parents and guardians should have their children wait at the designated bus shelter for pick-up and drop-off.

■ Schedule for the Extended Year Program will also start on July 6, 2010, and end on Aug. 13, 2010. Time will also be from 8am to 12pm, Mondays to Thursdays.

■ Registration for all incoming HJHS students will begin on June 23, 2010, until July 23, 2010. For more information, contact registrar Ms. Terry at 237-3425 or 3421 from 8am to 12pm and 1pm to 4pm. ***(PR)***

NMC 2009 Alumni Survey

The Northern Marianas College is inviting all 2009 graduates to participate in an online survey that will be open until June 30, 2010. The survey questions are designed to track and measure graduates' educational pursuits and employment since graduation. The College will be using the collected data to improve its programs in order to better meet the educational and workforce needs of the community. To get access to the survey, contact NMC institutional researcher Lisa Hacskaylo at 234-5498 Ext. 1029 or lisah@nmcnet.edu or NMC Alumni president Jack Kiyoshi at Ext. 1021 or jackk@nmcnet.edu. ***(NMC)***

Business

World leaders walk economic tightrope in Canada

TORONTO (AP)—Wary of slamming on the stimulus brakes too quickly but shaken by the European debt crisis, world leaders pledged Sunday to reduce government deficits in richer countries in half by 2013, with wiggle room to meet the goal.

Leaders of 20 major industrial and developing countries generally sided with cutting spending and raising taxes, despite warnings from President Barack Obama that too much austerity too quickly could choke off the global recovery.

"Serious challenges remain," they cautioned in a closing statement. "While growth is returning, the recovery is uneven and fragile, unemployment in many countries remains at unacceptable levels, and the social impact of the crisis is still widely felt," according to the document from the Group of 20 major industrial and developing nations.

AP

Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper, third from left bottom, stands beside United States President Barack Obama as he joins the G20 leaders waving during the official family photo at the G20 Summit in Toronto, Ont., on Sunday June 27, 2010.

G20 summit

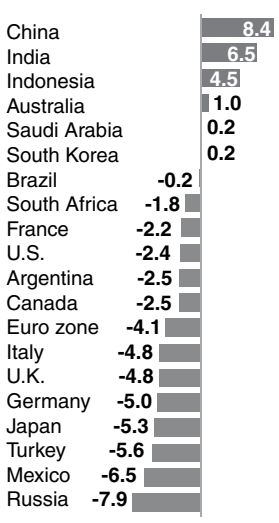
Wealthy and emerging nations group meets in Toronto, June 26-27

Summit issues

- How quickly to reduce government deficits
- How to stengthen banks to withstand any future economic downturn
- How to coordinate financial regulatory reforms

GDP growth

Estimated, in percent, for 2009



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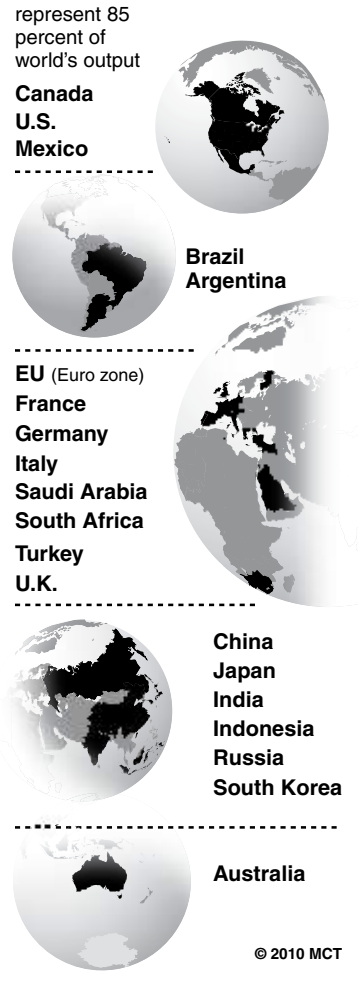

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Obama told a news conference he was satisfied with the outcome, saying he recognized that countries had to proceed at their own pace in either emphasizing growth or budget austerity.

"We can't all rush to the exits at the same time," Obama said after three days of economic summitry.

Summit participants navigated a careful course between Obama's emphasis on growth and fellow leaders such as German Chancellor Angela Merkel who advocated spending cuts and even tax increases.

"Advanced economies have committed to fiscal plans that will at least halve deficits by 2013 and stabilize or reduce government debt-to-GDP ratios by 2016," according to the statement. The gross domestic product, or GDP, measures the value of all goods and services, and is considered the best gauge of economic health.

At the same time, the statement called for following through on "existing stimulus plans," heeding Obama's concerns. Japan was given an exemption from meeting the debt targets because of years of a stagnant economy, and the fact that its huge debt is largely owned by Japanese and not overseas investors.

Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper, the summit host, told reporters that deficit reduction "is not an end in itself" and that there is "an ongoing role for stimulus in the short term."

As the summit wrapped up, conditions on the streets of Canada's biggest city remained tense.

Police, responding more aggressively than the day before, raided a university campus and rounded up protesters in an effort to quell further violence after youths rampaged through the city the night before, smashing windows and torching police cruisers. Police said they arrested more than 600 demonstrators.

Harper blamed "thugs" for the violence and suggested the destruction and fires on the streets justified the $900 million that Canada spent for summit security.

World leaders also took note of the devastating oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico in their statement, which recognized "the need to share best practices to protect the marine environment, prevent accidents ... and deal with their consequences."

Obama says US expects rise in China's currency

TORONTO (AP)—President Barack Obama said Sunday that the United States expects the value of China's currency to rise significantly. He vowed to closely monitor over the next several months how China follows through on a pledge to introduce more flexibility in the management its currency.

Obama's comments at a summit of the Group of 20 industrial and developing nations came as Chinese President Hu Jintao took on critics of Beijing's currency policy by warning that wildly fluctuating currency exchange rates can threaten financial markets.

The value of the yuan, or renminbi (RMB), is a major irritant in China's relations with the United States.

American manufacturers complain that an undervalued Chinese currency gives China's exporters an unfair advantage by keeping the cost of China-made products artificially low.

Before the G-20, China tried to head off criticism by announcing that it would start allowing its currency to rise in value against the dollar. But senior Chinese officials have vowed during the economic summit that they would not bow to outside pressure to allow the currency to rise more quickly.

Critics in the U.S. Congress and elsewhere want bolder moves from China.

Obama said that the United States doesn't expect a large, immediate jump in the value of China's currency, which would be disruptive to the Chinese and world economies.

"We do expect that as more and more market forces come to bear, that given the enormous surpluses that China has accumulated, that the RMB is going to go up and it's going to go up significantly," Obama said. "And so we are going to be paying attention over the next several months to make that determination."

Frustrated by boycott, station owners want BP help

BY HARRY R. WEBER
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Tension is mounting between BP and the neighborhood retailers that sell its gasoline. As more Americans shun BP gasoline as a form of protest over the Gulf oil spill, station owners are insisting BP do more to help them convince motorists that such boycotts mostly hurt independently owned businesses, not the British oil giant.

To win back customers, they'd like the company's help in reducing the price at the pump.

BP owns just a fraction of the more than 11,000 stations across the U.S. that sell its fuel under the BP, Amoco and ARCO banners. Most are owned by local businessmen whose primary connection to the oil company is the logo and a contract to buy gasoline.

In recent weeks, some station owners from Georgia to Illinois say sales have declined as much as 10 percent to 40 percent.

Station owners and BP gas distributors told BP officials last week they need a break on the cost of the gas they buy, and they want help paying for more advertising aimed at motorists, according to John Kleine, executive director of the independent BP Amoco Marketers Association. The station owners, who earn more from sales of soda and snacks than on gasoline, also want more frequent meetings with BP officials.

"They have got to be more competitive on their fuel costs to the retailers so we can be competitive on the street ... and bring back customers that we've lost," says Bob Juckniess, who has seen sales drop 20 percent at some of his 10 BP-branded stations in the Chicago area.

Owners and distributors put forth their demands at a meeting in Chicago with BP marketing officials. BP's reply could come as early as this week, says Kleine, whose group represents hundreds of distributors.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Scientists say test could predict menopause

LONDON (AP)—Doctors could one day use a blood test to predict decades in advance when women will go into menopause, scientists say. In research to be presented on Monday at a European fertility conference in Rome, Iranian experts say their preliminary study could be a first step toward developing a tool to help women decide when they want to have children. The test does not predict when women will lose their fertility—which typically occurs about a decade before menopause—but if doctors know when women will go into menopause, they can calculate roughly when they will run out of eggs. Scientists say the test could be especially helpful in identifying women who might go into menopause early—in their late 40s or earlier instead of their mid-50s. At the moment, there are few clues for doctors to tell which young women may be headed for early menopause. Blood tests and ovary scans only give women a few years' advance notice.

Tar balls, oil patch spotted on Miss. shoreline

OCEAN SPRINGS, Miss. (AP)—Officials say oil has been spotted in at least two areas on the Mississippi coast, which had so far mostly been spared damage from the Gulf of Mexico spill. Jackson County emergency management director Donald Langham says tar balls and a patch of oil were spotted at the St. Andrews beach and at the Lake Mars pier in Gulf Park Estates. Langham says cleanup teams are on the scene and two skimming vessels are working. State Department of Environmental Quality spokesman Robbie Wilbur says additional patches of oil sheen were spotted in the water during aerial flights Sunday. In recent days, more oil has been finding its way into Mississippi's waters and barrier islands. Louisiana, Alabama and Florida have all been seeing oil wash up already.

Mutual fund returns turn negative in 2nd quarter

NEW YORK (AP)—The minus signs are back. Investors still feeling bruised by the terrible mutual fund returns of 2008 and early 2009 can expect to be disappointed again when they get their statements for the second quarter. While most fund categories did well in the first quarter, during the April-June period there were few places to hide. The slump wasn't as steep as in late 2008, when the stock market was crashing during the financial crisis. But it showed that nervous investors have put the market's recovery on hold. Diversified U.S. stock funds posted a negative average return of 7 percent, according to fund tracker Lipper Inc. The figures reflect trading through Thursday, so they don't include the final four trading days of the quarter. Diversified funds don't focus on a single industry but often have a range of holdings, so they indicate how the overall market has performed.

Nation

Obama cites 'obsession' with Afghanistan timeline

TORONTO (AP)—President Barack Obama said Sunday that there's "a lot of obsession" about the withdrawal date for U.S. troops from Afghanistan. He said his focus is on making sure the mission there is successful.

Obama's show of frustration about when he will end the unpopular war in Afghanistan came in his closing press conference at the G-20 summit in Toronto, where industrialized countries committed to slash their budget deficits in half by 2013. The president said the United States shares that commitment.

At the end of a week in which he dismissed his top commander in Afghanistan, Obama defended his war strategy and said the United States would assist the Afghans "for a long time to come."

"I don't have a crystal ball," the president said when asked about a five-year Afghanistan exit strategy endorsed Saturday by the Group of Eight major industrial democracies.

"I think that right now the debate surrounding Afghanistan is presented as either we get up and leave immediately because there's no chance at a positive outcome, or we stay basically indefinitely and do quote unquote whatever it takes for as long as it takes."

Obama's policy falls somewhere in the middle, thereby pleasing few. He reiterated that a July 2011 date to begin withdrawing troops does not mean the U.S. will "suddenly turn off the lights and let the door close behind us." Under Obama's policy, the number of U.S. troops in Afghanistan will first climb to 98,000.

AP

President Barack Obama of the United States speaks during his closing press conference at the G20 summit in Toronto, Sunday, June 27, 2010.

Obama offered a rationale for the nation's very presence in Afghanistan.

"You'll often hear, why are we in Afghanistan when the terrorists are in Pakistan?" Obama said.

He contended America would be less secure if al-Qaida still could be housed in Afghanistan, and contended there remains "a vital national interest that Afghanistan not be used as a base to launch terrorist attacks."

In Washington, CIA Director Leon Panetta expressed skepticism about whether insurgent groups in Afghanistan were interested in reconciliation with the U.S.-backed government in Kabul.

"We have seen no evidence that they are truly interested in reconciliation, where they would surrender their arms, where they would denounce al-Qaida, where they would really try to become part of that society," Panetta said on ABC's "This Week."

Obama sounded more positive.

"I think that we have to view these efforts with skepticism, but also openness," the president said.

Obama also issued a warning to North Korea, saying its alleged sinking of a South Korean warship was "belligerent behavior that is unacceptable" to the international community. Forty-six South Korean sailors died in the March incident.

"It is absolutely critical for the international community to rally behind" South Korean President Lee Myung-bak, Obama said.

Man charged in Pa. stabbing rampage that killed 4

NORTHAMPTON, Pa. (AP)—A man who served prison time for a 1992 murder was charged Sunday with fatally stabbing four people, including a woman described as the suspect's former girlfriend and her 87-year-old grandfather.

Police charged Michael Eric Ballard, 36, with four counts of homicide for Saturday's rampage in the eastern Pennsylvania town of Northampton, about 70 miles north of Philadelphia.

Police alleged that Ballard killed 39-year-old Denise Merhi, her father and her grandfather along with a neighbor who rushed over to help when he heard the initial screams from Merhi's home.

Northampton County District Attorney John Morganelli said he will seek the death penalty.

"It was a very difficult crime scene to see these individuals essentially slaughtered by this fellow using a knife," Morganelli said.

Confidantes of Merhi told The Associated Press that she and Ballard dated briefly about two years ago. Ballard told police he "murdered (his) girlfriend and her family and then the neighbor," according to court documents.

Ballard pleaded guilty to third-degree murder in 1992 and was sentenced to 10 to 20 years in prison, according to court records in Lehigh County. Ballard, then 18, was accused of stabbing Donald Richard in December 1991 in Richard's Allentown apartment, according to newspaper accounts from the time.

The motive for Saturday's attack remained unclear. Friends and relatives of Merhi said there was no indication that Ballard posed a threat to the family.

Police named the other victims as Merhi's father, Dennis Marsh, 62; her grandfather, Alvin Marsh Jr.; and her neighbor, Steven Zernhelt, 53.

Oil spill's psychological toll quietly mounts

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—The Gulf of Mexico oil disaster feels far worse to shrimper Ricky Robin than Katrina, even though he's still haunted by memories of riding out the hurricane on his trawler and of his father's suicide in the storm's aftermath.

The relentless spill is bringing back feelings that are far too familiar to Robin and others still dealing with the physical and emotional toll wrought by Katrina five years ago.

"I can't sleep at night. I find myself crying sometimes," said Robin, of Violet, a blue-collar community on the southeastern edge of the New Orleans suburbs, along the highway that hugs the levee on the Mississippi River's east bank nearly all the way to the Gulf.

Psychiatrists who treated people after Katrina and have held group sessions in oil spill-stricken areas say the symptoms showing up are much the same: Anger. Anxiety. Drinking. Depression. Suicidal thoughts.

"Everybody's acting strange," said Robin, 56. "Real angry, frustrated, stressed out, fighting brothers and sisters and mamas and family."

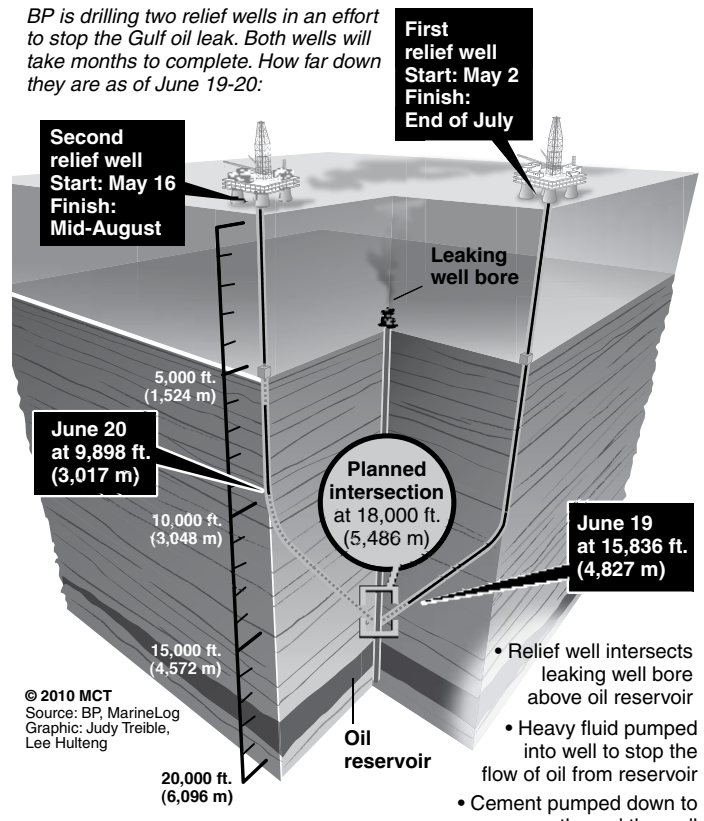
Fishing families, the backbone of the coastal economy, are especially hard-pressed as the waters that make up their livelihood are sporadically closed because of fears the oil will taint fish, oysters and shrimp.

Oil field workers, whose salaries are among the best the region can offer, worry about their industry's long-term future.

And there is still the rebuilding after Katrina, which in August 2005 devastated a swath from Louisiana to Alabama—almost as big as the area affected by the oil—killing more than 1,600 and forever changing the region's relationship with the water.

No one is fishing any more out of Zeke's Landing Marina in Orange Beach, Ala., though most charter boat captains are making some money pulling boom and doing other jobs in BP's cleanup program.

Looking at oil all day can be harder than staying home, said Joe Nash, a boat captain there. "Seeing everything that you've been used to for years kind of slowly going away from you, it's overwhelming," he said. "Because you can't do anything about it."


Progress of two relief wells
BP is drilling two relief wells in an effort to stop the Gulf oil leak. Both wells will take months to complete. How far down they are as of June 19-20:
First relief well Start: May 2 Finish: End of July
Second relief well Start: May 16 Finish: Mid-August
Leaking well bore
5,000 ft. (1,524 m)
June 20 at 9,898 ft. (3,017 m)
10,000 ft. (3,048 m)
Planned intersection at 18,000 ft. (5,486 m)
June 19 at 15,836 ft. (4,827 m)
15,000 ft. (4,572 m)
20,000 ft. (6,096 m)
Oil reservoir
• Relief well intersects leaking well bore above oil reservoir
• Heavy fluid pumped into well to stop the flow of oil from reservoir
• Cement pumped down to permanently seal the well
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ACROSS THE NATION

Ill. inmate died in agony while pleading for help

PEKIN, Ill. (AP)—For days before he died in a federal prison, Adam Montoya pleaded with guards to be taken to a doctor, pressing a panic button in his cell over and over to summon help that never came. An autopsy concluded that the 36-year-old inmate suffered from no fewer than three serious illnesses—cancer, hepatitis and HIV. The cancer ultimately killed him, causing his spleen to burst. Montoya bled to death internally. But the coroner and a pathologist were more stunned by another finding: The only medication in his system was a trace of over-the-counter pain reliever. That means Montoya, imprisoned for passing counterfeit checks, had been given nothing to ease the excruciating pain that no doubt wracked his body for days or weeks before death. "He shouldn't have died in agony like that," Coroner Dennis Conover said. "He had been out there long enough that he should have at least died in the hospital."

Senate candidate subpoenaed for Blagojevich trial

CHICAGO (AP)—U.S. Senate candidate Alexi Giannoulias said Sunday that he won't be hurt politically by his subpoena to testify at the corruption trial of ousted Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich, but his Republican opponent pounced at the chance to try to shift attention from his own troubles in the contentious race for President Barack Obama's old Senate seat. The subpoena gives GOP Rep. Mark Kirk—who has been dogged by reports that he exaggerated his military credentials—the chance to try to associate Giannoulias with Blagojevich and Illinois corruption. Giannoulias, who said he doesn't expect to be called to testify, said he's one of many people that Blagojevich's attorneys are trying to suck into the case in an effort that started with an unsuccessful bid to subpoena Obama. "They subpoenaed any and everybody to try and get everyone involved from the president down to the dog catcher, so I think this shouldn't be surprising," the first-term state treasurer told The Associated Press.

Fire at upstate NY home kills 6 kids, ages 1 to 12

FORT EDWARD, N.Y. (AP)—As a lethal fire intensified, one woman shoved an air conditioner out a window and then threw a 5-year-old boy out after it to safety, even as the blaze devoured a two-story house, killing six children. Two other adults tried in vain to rescue the children trapped inside the blazing building in a faded mill town along upstate New York's Hudson River. Firefighters who raced to the house within four minutes of the call Saturday morning were repelled by intense flames that engulfed the building, burning so hot that it melted the siding off the house next door. "Everything was just fire," said Bill Brown, first assistant chief of the Fort Edward Fire Department. "Top floor, bottom floor. I wasn't risking any of my guys' lives and putting them in danger to save someone who was probably already gone."

Asia

NATO: Afghan ops not slowed despite command change

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—The NATO-led command stressed Sunday that military operations to secure vast areas of Afghanistan would not be delayed by the ouster of its top commander and mounting casualties.

To reinforce the message, NATO announced that more than 600 Afghan and international troops were battling al-Qaida and Taliban forces Sunday in the eastern province of Kunar, which borders Pakistan. Three members of the allied force were killed in the fighting, including two Americans, a military statement said.

NATO and U.S. forces are awaiting the arrival of new commander Gen. David Petraeus, who is taking over from Gen. Stanley McChrystal. He was dismissed by President Barack Obama after he and his aides were quoted in Rolling Stone magazine making disparaging remarks about top Obama administration officials.

There has been concern that the leadership shake-up will further slow a push into the volatile south that has already been delayed by weeks in some areas and months in others. But NATO spokesman Brig. Gen. Josef Blotz told reporters in Kabul that the worries are unwarranted and the military is not pausing because of the changes.

"We will not miss a beat in our operations to expand security here in Afghanistan," Blotz said. He added that Petraeus was expected in Kabul in the next seven to 10 days.

Pakistan officials: Suspected US missiles kill 3

MIR ALI, Pakistan (AP)—Suspected U.S. missiles struck a militant compound in northwestern Pakistan on Sunday, killing at least three people in an area teeming with Taliban and al-Qaida fighters who often launch attacks against NATO troops in Afghanistan, said Pakistani officials.

It was the second strike in as many days in North Waziristan, a mountainous area along the Afghan border where unmanned aircraft operated by the CIA have launched dozens of attacks. The U.S. has urged the Pakistani military to target the area, but has faced resistance.

The compound struck by two U.S. missiles Sunday was located in the village of Tabbi Tolkhel, a little over a mile (two kilometers) northeast of Miran Shah, the main town in North Waziristan, said Noor Ahmed, the deputy political leader in the area.

There were conflicting reports about how many people were killed in the attack.

Ahmed said that tribesmen have recovered five bodies from the rubble. He did not know their identities.

Two Pakistani intelligence officials said three militants were killed and five others were wounded. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media.

The Pakistani military has resisted launching an offensive in North Waziristan, saying its forces are stretched thin from other operations along the Afghan border. Many analysts suspect its resistance is also driven by its desire to preserve historic ties with Taliban militants in the area who could be useful allies in Afghanistan after foreign troops withdraw.

NKorea says it must bolster nuclear capability

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—North Korea said Monday it must bolster its nuclear capability to cope with "hostile" U.S. policy amid high tension over the deadly sinking of a South Korean warship blamed on Pyongyang.

An international investigation concluded last month that North Korea torpedoed the warship Cheonan near the tense Korean sea border. North Korea flatly denies the allegation and has warned any punishment would trigger war.

"The recent disturbing development on the Korean Peninsula underscores the need for (North Korea) to bolster its nuclear deterrent in a newly developed way to cope with the U.S. persistent hostile policy toward (the North) and military threat toward it," the North's Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

The statement, carried by the official Korean Central News Agency, didn't elaborate how North Korea would strengthen its nuclear capability.

North Korea cites the threat of a nuclear attack from the U.S. as a main reason behind its drive to build atomic weapons. Pyongyang—which is believed to have enough weaponized plutonium for at least a half-dozen weapons—conducted its first nuclear test in 2006, drawing international condemnation and U.N. sanctions.

ASIAN BRIEFS

11 dead in China after bus plunges into ravine

BEIJING (AP)—State media say an overloaded bus traveling to a funeral veered off a mountain road in northwestern China and plunged into a ravine, killing 11 people and injuring 31. Xinhua News Agency says 42 people were in the 19-seat bus when it crashed Saturday in Ningxia region's Haiyuan county. It says the injured people ranged in age from seven months to 77 years. Thirteen were in critical condition. It says the county's top traffic regulator was fired and three other officials were suspended after the accident. Road accidents are common in China because of overloaded and unsafe vehicles, poor road conditions and bad driving habits.

Over 200 arrested in Bangladesh opposition strike

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP)—Security forces arrested more than 200 activists Sunday, according to police and news reports, as Bangladesh's main opposition party led a nationwide dawn-to-dusk general strike to protest alleged government misrule. General strikes have been a common opposition tactic in Bangladesh, a fragile parliamentary democracy since nine years of military rule ended in 1990. But Sunday's strike was the first in 3 1/2 years, signaling that political bickering may return to the streets. Several people were injured in clashes between opposition supporters and the ruling Awami League's student wing near a university in Dhaka, private ATN Bangla television reported. Footage from another private station, ETV, showed security officials kicking in the door of an opposition leader's home. Once inside, they beat supporters gathered there; the leader himself had previously been detained.

RP troops kill 2 rebels, capture base

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Philippine troops attacked a communist rebel camp to rescue an abducted soldier and a militiaman in the country's south Sunday, killing at least two communist guerrillas but failing to find the captives, the military said. The country's 41-year communist rebellion—one of Asia's longest-running—has raged on despite a deadline set by outgoing President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo for the military to crush the rebels by the end of her term on June 30. Army troops assaulted a key New People's Army camp in a hinterland near Cateel town in Davao Oriental province after receiving information that army Staff Sgt. Bienvenido Arguilles and the militiaman, who were abducted by the rebels on June 19, were being detained there, army spokesman Capt. Emmanuel Garcia said.

World

Weeks after violence, Kyrgyzstan constitution OK'd

OSH, Kyrgyzstan (AP)—Barely two weeks after ethnic purges left many minority Uzbek communities in smoldering ruin, about two-thirds of Kyrgyzstan's voters went to the polls Sunday to peacefully and overwhelmingly approve a new constitution they hoped would bring stability to the Central Asian nation.

Kyrgyzstan's interim government had pressed on with the vote even though many of the 400,000 ethnic Uzbeks forced to flee have yet to return to their homes and neighborhoods. The result gave legitimacy to the provisional government backed by most Uzbeks, though some of those displaced by violence were unable to vote Sunday.

The vote—supported by the U.N., the U.S. and Russia—is seen as an important step on the road to democracy for the interim government, which came to power after former President Kurmanbek Bakiyev was ousted in April following deadly street protests.

Interim President Roza Otunbayeva said she now would be inaugurated as a caretaker president and form her government. Its members will form a lawmaking assembly which will pass the necessary legislation until parliamentary elections in October.

"It will not be an interim but a legal and legitimate government," Otunbayeva said. "We are leaving the word interim behind."

With over 70 percent of all precincts counted, the Central Election Commission said more than 90 percent of those who cast ballots voted for the new constitution and just about 8 percent voted against it. Some 2.7 million people were eligible to vote, and turnout was nearly 70 percent, it said.

AP

Members of a local election commission count votes after a referendum at a polling station in the southern Kyrgyz city of Osh, Kyrgyzstan Sunday June 27, 2010.

Pope deplores Belgian sex raids, stresses autonomy

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Pope Benedict XVI lashed out Sunday at what he called the "deplorable" raids carried out by Belgian police who detained bishops, confiscated computers, opened a crypt and took church documents as part of an investigation into priestly sex abuse.

Benedict made a rare personal entry into the escalating diplomatic dispute with Belgium, issuing a message of solidarity to the head of the Belgian bishops' conference and other bishops who were detained in the June 24 raid.

He said justice must take its course, but also asserted the right of the Catholic Church to investigate clerical abuse alongside civil law enforcement authorities.

It was first time the pope himself had commented on the raids, and his message to Monsignor Andre Joseph Leonard capped a daily ratcheting up of the Vatican's criticism. On Saturday, the No. 2 Vatican official said the raids were unprecedented even under communism.

Belgium's justice minister defended the searches on Sunday, saying the bishops were treated normally and that the search warrant was fully legitimate.

In the raids, police searched the home and former office of former Archbishop Godfried Danneels, taking documents and his personal computer, just as the country's nine bishops were starting their monthly meeting. The men were held for nine hours and—along with diocese staff—had to surrender their cell phones.

WORLD BRIEFS

Police arrest more than 600 at Toronto summit

TORONTO (AP)—Police raided a university building and rounded up more protesters Sunday in an effort to quell further violence near the G-20 global economic summit site a day after black-clad youths rampaged through the city, smashing windows and torching police cars. Police said they have arrested more than 600 demonstrators, many of whom were hauled away in plastic handcuffs and taken to a temporary holding center constructed for the summit. Police adopted a more aggressive strategy Sunday by going into the crowd to make arrests, compared to the previous day when they stood back as protesters torched four police cars and broke store windows. No serious injuries were reported among police, protesters or bystanders, Toronto Police Constable Tony Vella said Sunday.

Guinea holds 1st free election after army rule era

CONAKRY, Guinea (AP)—They've voted before—but never freely, and never fairly. On Sunday, junta-ruled Guinea cast ballots for a new president in the first democratic election this West African nation has ever known. The poll caps an odyssey of repression and dictatorship spanning a half century that climaxed with a year of military rule so terrifying, people carved hiding places in their attics to avoid their own rampaging army. It also breathes life into the hope—however tenuous—that a new generation of leaders may finally bring substantive change to a corruption-riddled country whose 10 million inhabitants rank among Africa's poorest despite sitting atop billions of dollars of mineral wealth. "We have voted and we are FREE!" one man with tears in his eyes screamed at a red-bereted presidential guard outside the villa housing Gen. Sekouba Konate—the junta chief who steered Guinea toward elections after his predecessor was shot in the head and nearly killed in December.

Chavez: Israel and US 'empire' are enemies

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)—Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez denounced Israel as a "genocidal" government on Sunday as he hosted Syrian President Bashar Assad on his first visit to Latin America. Chavez has drawn close to Syria and Iran, and cut ties with Israel last year to protest its military offensive in the Gaza Strip. "We have common enemies," Chavez said, describing them as "the Yankee empire, the genocidal state of Israel." Chavez had particularly strong words for Israel throughout Assad's visit. He reiterated his view Saturday that the Golan Heights—captured from Syria by Israel in the 1967 Mideast war—should one day be returned to Syria.

Overdrive

The 2011 Sonata is so distinctive, people turn their heads with whiplash speed to catch a glance.

Hyundai proves itself a contender with 2011 Sonata

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Hyundai has made a bold move with the 2011 Sonata midsize sedan, and the risk turned into a real home run for the automaker.

Executives decided to forego a V6 engine and instead offer a turbocharged version of the base car's four-cylinder engine.

Given that every U.S. auto manufacturer offers a V6-powered midsize car, it was a brave choice.

Why? Well, 90 percent of midsize car buyers choose a four-cylinder engine over a V6. The key is fuel economy.

T o handle the weightier V6, a car must be strengthened. So, the weight of the entire vehicle increases. The more a car weighs, the more power needed to move it.

Hyundai's thoughtful move away from the V6 meant the Sonata would be more efficient.

It's the sort of self-assured thinking that characterizes a brand that has finally found its mojo. The 2011 Sonata banishes thoughts of Hyundai as anything other than a first-tier automaker.

Consider the Sonata's design. The 2010 model looked so conservative you could find it in the dictionary under "bland." In contrast, the 2011 Sonata is so distinctive; people turn their heads with whiplash speed to catch a glance.

The instrument panel is attractive and easy to use. Its design has the same kinetic feel of the exterior.

One of my neighbors spotted the car in the driveway and asked whether it was a new Mercedes-Benz. Imagine his surprise when I told him what it was.

Walking around the Sonata, drinking in what the company calls its "fluidic sculpture," is a pleasure. You'll want to rub your hands over it—go ahead. So much about the form is right, from the raked rear roof line to the chrome strip that starts at the head lamps and runs almost the length of the car.

It would be easy to dismiss the Sonata as just a stylish treat smacked atop a pedestrian front-wheel-drive platform, but you'd be wrong.

For now, the Sonata comes with one engine: a 2.4-liter four-cylinder engine mated to a six-speed transmission, either manual or automatic. Before dismissing it as humdrum, keep in mind that this mill churns out an impressive 198 horsepower, more than any of its competitors.

So yes, it's powerful, but more important, it returns impressive fuel economy: 22 miles per gallon city, 35 mpg highway. Mixed driving returned an impressive 27.5 mpg.

There are three versions of the Sonata: base GLS, sporty SE and luxury-oriented Limited. GLS models come with a choice of transmissions; others have the automatic as standard equipment. SE models also get an extra 2 horses under the hood.

The Sonata is very responsive. No wonder: Each horsepower has only 16.2 pounds to move. The Nissan Altima, by comparison, has 18.2 pounds to move, the Honda Accord 18.5, the Ford Fusion 19.1, Toyota Camry 19.6, and the Chevrolet Malibu 20.2.

The test vehicle provided by Hyundai Motor America was an SE. The automatic transmission designed and built by Hyundai, pops off the shifts quickly. Paddle shifters mounted to the steering wheel that allow for manual shifts, but the shifts didn't come as quickly as one might like.

The car feels agile; thanks to quick steering and a suspension that keeps body motions in check. If you've driven an older Hyundai, you'll be surprised at how nice this car is to drive.

Braking was effective. Anti-lock disc brakes, electronic stability control, front and side air bags, and active front headrests, which move up and forward in a crash to prevent whiplash, are standard.

In addition, a Bluetooth hands-free phone system is standard on all models, a first in this class.

Ride quality is fairly good. The cabin is quiet, although there was modest tire and road noise.

The instrument panel is attractive and easy to use. Its design has the same kinetic feel of the exterior and, if it used a better grade of material, could be mistaken for a luxury car. As it is, materials are appropriate for the price, with one exception. The base car's steering wheel has an unpleasant plastic texture.

The front seats are firm and comfortable; the rear, very firm and a little unyielding. The cabin is spacious enough to be considered a full-size car by the EPA, even though it's less than 190 inches long.

Base prices start at $19,195 for the GLS with a manual transmission ($20,195 with an automatic) and top out at $27,395 for a Limited with the Navigation Package.

In many ways, the 2011 Hyundai Sonata is, like the company that manufactures it, a classic overachiever, with a distinctive point of view. It is emotive in a class where emotion has long since vanished.

Most of all, it feels new, and the engineering decisions show that this is a company not afraid to stand apart and lead the way.

NUTS & BOLTS

What we say: A midsize of note
Pro: Gorgeous styling; thrifty, yet powerful, engines
Con: Some interior trim could be upgraded

Stats:
Engine: 2.4-liter four-cylinder
Wheelbase: 110 inches
Length: 189.9 inches
Weight: 3,199 pounds
Cargo space: 16.4 cubic feet
EPA rating (city/highway): 22/35 mpg
Fuel consumption: 27 mpg
Fuel type: Regular unleaded
Base price: $22,595
As tested: $26,015

UNDER THE HOOD

Finding a truce on whether to warm up cars

By BRAD BERGHOLDT
MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

QUESTION: Can you please settle a dispute about warming up the engine in your car? My husband says you shouldn't begin driving until the engine warms up for at least a minute or two. I've heard it's OK to begin driving right away. As you could guess, this conflict surfaces regularly if we go somewhere together and either of us is behind the wheel. Sometimes I prefer to drive alone. —Susan Porter

ANSWER: Oh boy. This subject is right up there with religion and politics when it comes to finding agreement. Both of you may be considered correct, should the weather be harsh or mild. In very cold climates it makes sense to allow a minute or two of warm-up time before driving off, but longer than this wastes fuel, increases engine wear and multiplies emissions.

In mild climates, it's best to start driving in about the time it takes to buckle up and check the mirrors. Engines run most efficiently when at operating temperature, and the sooner this occurs, the better. Several studies have shown a cold engine warms up almost three times faster when driven, compared to idling. Modern fuel-injected engines, thanks to precise fuel metering and injector location, tolerate cold operation much better than their older carbureted relatives, contributing to superior cold start drivability.

Additional discussion may likely occur regarding how the vehicle is driven after startup. In cold climates I believe it's prudent to drive gently for the first few miles, as there are many parts of the car (wheel bearings, suspension and steering parts, manual transmission) that are slower to warm up than the engine. Automatic transmissions receive help warming up, via the transmission cooler, which works in reverse when cold, passing engine heat to the transmission fluid. In warmer climates, unless you live right next to a freeway onramp, post start-up operation shouldn't be a concern.

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Q: What is your opinion about fuel injector flushing? My repair shop pushes this service, and I wonder if I'm doing the right thing, saying no. —Conner Borrison

A: If your car or truck starts and idles well, accelerates crisply, and you have no check engine light concerns, keep saying no. Back in the 1980s, dirty fuel injectors were a big problem, but since then, thanks to improvements in gasoline additives (already in the fuel) and improved injector and engine design, this is no longer much of an issue. Certain vehicles are prone to injector or poppet valve clogging, but this can often be mitigated with an occasional dose of Techron, added to the fuel. While clean engine parts are certainly a good thing, non-symptom or preventative fuel injector flushing, I believe, isn't a good way to spend money.

If you've experienced rough idle, hesitation or stumbling on take-off, or an emissions test failure, fuel injector flushing may certainly be called for. Fuel injectors need to squirt a precise quantity of fuel during each brief pulse (ranging from about 2 to 50 thousandths of a second), and deliver a conical mist of finely atomized fuel. A buildup of deposits on the injector tip can result in decreased flow and/or a disrupted spray pattern, decreasing engine performance and increasing emissions. A simple test using a fuel pressure gauge and injector firing tool (assuming the injectors are accessible) infers proper flow but doesn't verify a precise spray.

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Life & Style

In NY, Prince Harry plays polo for African charity

NEW YORK (AP)—Britain's Prince Harry took a tumble from his horse Sunday before his defeat in a New York polo match against the world's best known polo player, Argentina's Nacho Figueras.

But it was all for a good cause—to benefit 400,000 children of an AIDS-ravaged African nation.

The 25-year-old son of the late Princess Diana fell off his polo pony in the first half of the 3rd Annual Veuve Clicquot Polo Classic on Governor's Island.

But he had a smile on his face as he got up and continued the contest, which Figueras' Black Watch team won 6-5 in overtime. At first, the prince's Black Rock foursome was ahead, with Harry scoring an early 2 points, despite his fall.

"I think his horse got spooked, or something," Figueras told The Associated Press, adding, "It was a very tight match—right till the end, we didn't know who was going to win so it was very exciting to play."

But polo was not the main point of the day.

The United States "has always protected the downtrodden, the poorest, those most in need of help in the world," Harry said before the match. "And to me, this is what the United States stands for."

Harry played as part of his pledge to continue his mother's work. Princess Diana, who was often photographed embracing HIV-positive mothers and children, died in 1997 in a Paris car crash.

Sunday's heat, topping 90 degrees, "is a welcome relief after the snow and ice of Lesotho, where I was last week," her son said of the southern African nation where he said he took his brother, Prince William, to show him the work of his charity.

Earlier, Harry joined guests in the VIP "marquee"—a fancy white tent where lunch tables for 10 overlooking the field went for as much as $50,000.

While the day was meant to be a relaxing summer celebration, the combination of polo and royalty gave the occasion a decidedly formal air. Guests invited to be in the presence of "His Royal Highness Prince Henry of Wales" were also instructed on attire.

"Gentlemen" ought to wear a "summer suit," the invitations said, and the "ladies" were challenged to sport "their most daring hat." True to English tradition, many women showed up in what could only be called "daring" items atop their heads, from feathers to fruit.

AP

Britain's Prince Harry falls off his horse at the Veuve Clicquot Polo Classic on Governor's Island on Sunday, June 27, 2010 in New York City.

Anyone bringing a child had to make sure each had "their own caregiver." No youngster was allowed in the VIP tent and was instead relegated to an adjacent area filled with games and snacks.

Proceeds from the day would go to American Friends of Sentebale, a charity set up in 2006 by Harry and Prince Seeiso of Lesotho for "the vulnerable children of Lesotho," where many children are AIDS orphans.

Harry said both he and the African prince wanted to follow the examples set by their mothers.

"Both were very much loved, and both loved people—both loved helping people who needed it the most," he said.

About 100 children in Lesotho lose one or both of their parents each day, Harry said, adding that the orphaned children survive with no prospects of a regular nourishing diet and little hope of a meaningful education.

Celebrity sightings at the Veuve Clicquot included Susan Sarandon, Julianna Margulies, Val Kilmer and Mary J. Blige. The tally for the day was not immediately available, but was likely hefty, given the minimum price for a table for 10 in the VIP marquee—$20,000. The $50,000 tables were closest to that of the prince. That included the champagne accompanying a meal prepared by chef Michael Romano of Manhattan's Union Square Cafe.

A picnic on the grass went for $250 per person.

Harry's three-day visit to New York began Friday at the West Point Military Academy north of the city, followed by UNICEF on Saturday and throwing the first pitch at a Mets game.

Figueras told the AP that he plans to visit Lesotho sometime in the fall.

And though "I push him as hard as I can inside the polo field, we're all equal," the Argentine star told the AP. "Today, we all won because today was about those kids in Africa."

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

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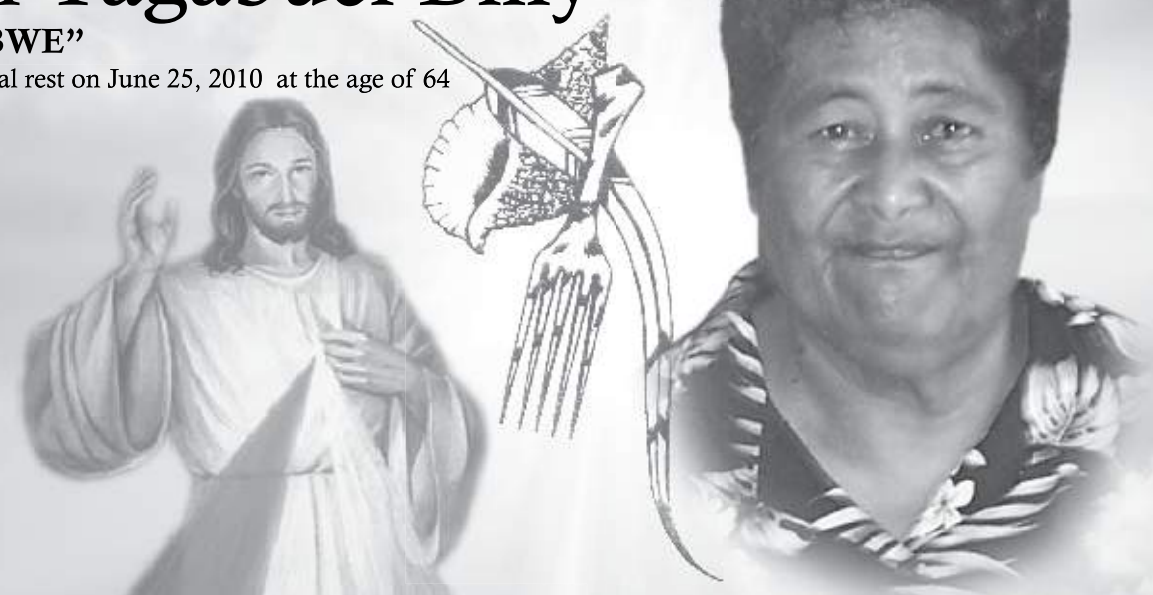

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She will be missed by numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

On Tuesday, June 29, 2010 viewing and last respects will be held at the family residence in Koblerville from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

At 2:30 p.m. her remains will be escorted from the family residence in Koberlville to Mt. Carmel Cathedral in Chalan Kanoa followed by the Mass of Christian Burial at 3:00 p.m. interment services will follow at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Nightly Rosary is being said at the family residence in Koblerville at 7:30 p.m. Last day of rosary will be on Saturday, July 3, 2010 at 12 NOON. Mass will be held at St. Jude Church at 5:00 p.m.

Your thoughts and prayers are deeply appreciated

Ghillisou, Si Yu'us Ma'ase, and Thank You.

The Family

Gay pride marchers celebrate with parades, parties

AP
A dancer performs for the crowds along Market Street during the San Francisco's 40th annual gay pride parade on Sunday, June 27, 2010.

NEW YORK (AP)—Thousands of marchers and a rainbow of floats filled the streets of New York and other U.S. cities on Sunday as people celebrated gay pride, part of a weekend of events marred by a shooting death Saturday at a street party in San Francisco.

Participants in New York's annual parade, including Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Gov. David Paterson, made their way down Fifth Avenue toward the Greenwich Village neighborhood. Throngs of people turned out despite the heat and humidity on Sunday to watch the city's annual parade.

One of the parade's grand marshalls was Constance McMillen, the lesbian teenager who sued her Mississippi school district over its policy banning same-sex prom dates.

San Francisco's 40th annual gay pride weekend started Saturday at Civic Center Plaza, where thousands converged as vendors sold barbecue and burritos and DJs spun tunes on a large stage. The party later moved into the city's Castro District for the "Pink Saturday" street party, where police said a 19-year-old man was killed and two others injured in a shooting late Saturday.

It wasn't immediately clear if the violence had anything to do with the gay pride festivities.

Stephen Powell died early Sunday, said James Fiorica, an investigator at the Medical Examiner's Office. Powell was shot in the chest.

A 19-year-old man was arrested and a handgun was recovered, said Officer Samson Chan, a police spokesman. The name of the suspect was not released.

A 19-year-old woman and a 29-year-old man were shot in the legs but are expected to survive, Chan said.

Thousands gathered to watch and participate in the city's gay pride parade. The Backstreet Boys were due to perform and U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, who is from San Francisco, was scheduled to deliver a videotaped address to revelers.

Chicago's parade included the first-ever float from the Cubs and an appearance by the Stanley Cup—NHL's championship trophy.

The Chicago Blackhawks won their first Stanley Cup title since 1961 this year, and the parade marks the first time the trophy has been on display at a gay-themed event, according to the Hockey Hall of Fame's Phil Pritchard.

"We are thrilled that it worked out as it's important for the city and important for the franchise," Blackhawks spokesman Adam Rogowin said.

Nikki Blonsky lands 'Huge' TV role

By DANIEL BUBBEO
NEWSDAY

Nikki Blonsky is learning that being plus-sized can be a plus for an actress.

After her breakout role as Tracy Turnblad in the 2007 film musical "Hairspray," Blonsky was told by more than one industry insider to trim her waistline or she might end up on the unemployment line.

"I just believed that the right role would come along when it comes along. Thank goodness, I stuck to my guns because it's come along," she says. That plum role is Will, a smart-mouthed teen at a weight-loss camp in the new ABC Family series "Huge," premiering Monday night at 9 EDT. "I would say I'm feeling bigger than life, but I'm feeling huger than life right now."

AP
Nikki Blonsky as Tracy Turnblad in the 2007 film musical "Hairspray."

FIFTH TIME'S THE CHARM: Just as she did for "Hairspray," Blonsky, 21, auditioned five times before getting "Huge." "I told my agent I'm doing whatever I can to get this role. I don't care if I have to stand on my head," she said. "Someone was finally doing a show about plus-size people and really telling their story and having an outlet for kids to tune in. I know that this character I'm playing is going to help kids who are going through issues that my character is going through."

TRACY TURNAROUND: Don't expect another shade of sunny Tracy Turnblad from Blonsky. Will isn't above selling food to fellow campers or playing the green-eyed monster to Amber (Hayley Hasselhoff, David's daughter), Will's rival in a romantic triangle.

"Tracy was more like 'Let's get the world together,' and Will is more 'Leave me alone, leave me in my own world. Please don't bother me,'" Blonsky says. "She doesn't care what anybody thinks about her. Her motto is: 'If you don't like what you're looking at, turn around.'"

HOMETOWN GIRL: When "Huge" premieres Monday night, Blonsky will be in Great Neck, N.Y., watching with Mom Karen, Dad Carl and the rest of her family. Then it's back to work on "Huge" Tuesday in L.A. "When you come out to a big city like Los Angeles, it really is culture shock," Blonsky says. "It made me miss my block, seeing my neighbors walking their dogs; it made me miss getting in the car and driving down the street to Starbuck's. ... I like L.A. a lot, but Great Neck is my home. Long Island is my home."

FIRST YEAR DEATH ANNIVERSARY

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Sgt. Francisco Litulumar Kaipat

Lovingly known as "Ching Sofang" "Tiko"

We are inviting all our relatives and friends to join us in prayers as we commemorate the First Year Death Anniversary of our Devoted Husband, Dearly Beloved Father, Loving Grandfather, and Cherished Brother.

On Wednesday, June 30, 2010 Holy rosary is being said at his parent's residence in Paganville at 7:30 p.m.

On the Final Day, Thursday, July 8th The Eucharistic Celebration will be held at Kristo Rai Church in Garapan at 6:00 a.m. Holy rosary & dinner will follow immediately at the parent's residence at 6:30 p.m.

Your presence, thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Olomwaay, Si Yu'us Ma'ase, and Thank You

Ginen I Familia

'Toy Story 3,' Sandler are hot, Tom Cruise not

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The "Toy Story 3" gang and Adam Sandler are finding plenty of playmates at movie theaters. Tom Cruise is not so popular, though.

The Disney-Pixar Animation smash "Toy Story 3" remained the No. 1 film with $59 million in its second weekend, raising its domestic total to $226.6 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

Sandler's "Grown Ups" debuted at No. 2 with a healthy $41 million. Released by Sony, the comedy costarring Kevin James, Chris Rock, David Spade and Rob Schneider did well despite a thrashing from critics.

Cruise's thriller "Knight and Day" fizzled at No. 3 with $20.5 million. It was the worst result for a Cruise action flick in 20 years and a sign that audiences still have not forgiven him for erratic behavior a few years back, which included his couch-jumping incident on Oprah Winfrey's show.

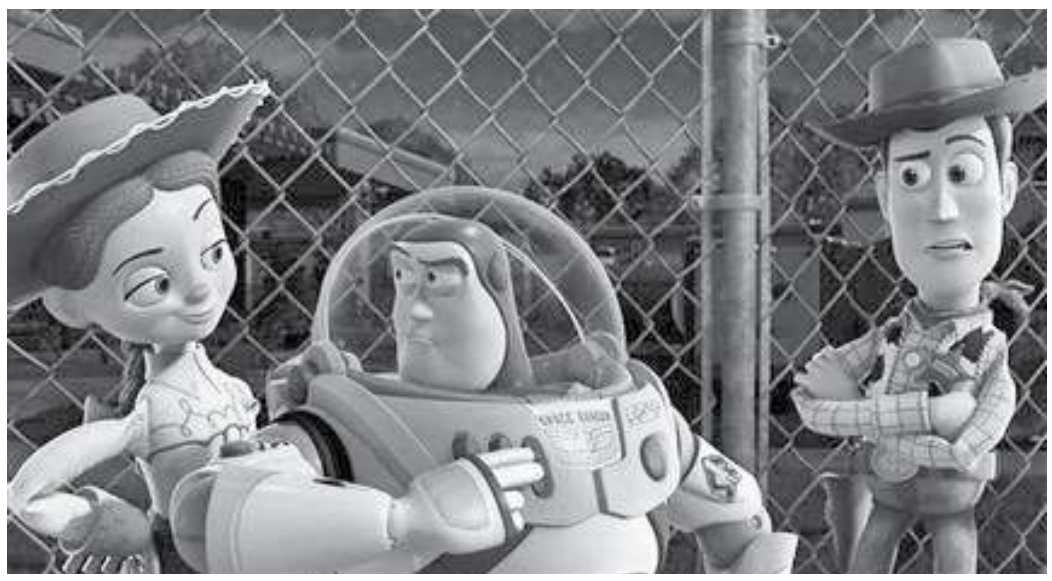
1. "**Toy Story 3**," $59 million.
2. "**Grown Ups**," $41 million.
3. "**Knight and Day**," $20.5 million.
4. "**The Karate Kid**," $15.4 million.
5. "**The A-Team**," $6 million.
6. "**Get Him to the Greek**," $3 million.
7. "**Shrek Forever After**," $2.9 million.
8. "**Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time**," $2.8 million.
9. "**Killers**," $2 million.
10. "**Jonah Hex**," $1.6 million.

"He's one of the biggest stars of all time, but no question, this has impacted him," said Paul Dergarabedian, box-office analyst for Hollywood.com. "It's not like it's irrevocable or unchangeable. Look at all the stars who have been jailed or caught in compromising sexual situations and then came back. Many stars do recover. It just may take a lot of time for him."

Reviews were fair for "Knight and Day," which features Cruise as a charming spy who finds romance with a civilian (Cameron Diaz) on a globe-trotting adventure. Yet distributor 20th Century Fox could not pull in a big audience despite a heavy marketing push that included sneak-peak screenings a week earlier and a Wednesday debut designed to build fan buzz for opening weekend.

Since Wednesday, "Knight and Day" has taken in $27.8 million. It added $12.6 million in 12 overseas markets, but the movie has a long road ahead to recoup a production budget of around $107 million.

Playing in 4,028 theaters, "Toy Story 3" maintained a strong average of $14,647 a cinema. That compared to an average of $11,602 in 3,534 theaters for "Grown Ups" and $6,617 in 3,098 cinemas for "Knight and Day."



AP

In this file film publicity image released by Disney, from left, Jessie, voiced by Joan Cusack, Buzz Lightyear, voiced by Tim Allen and Woody, voiced by Tom Hanks are shown in a scene from, "Toy Story 3."

Even so, Chris Aronson, head of domestic distribution for 20th Century Fox, said the studio was happy with the results.

"I do think with the excellent reviews we've caught along with its playability, that it's going to be the movie of choice for smart audiences and will be for a while," Aronson said.

At the height of the Cruise backlash four years ago—sparked by odd behavior including rants about Scientology and his couch-bouncing proclamation of devotion to Katie Holmes—his "Mission: Impossible III" debuted with $47.7 million, well over twice the take for "Knight and Day." Granted, the latter is a harder sell compared to an established action franchise.

Even Cruise's Nazi Germany drama "Valkyrie," which arrived with modest expectations two years ago, did better with $21 million in its first weekend.

"Knight and Day" had Cruise's lowest action debut since the 1990 race-car thriller "Days of Thunder," which pulled in $15.5 million while playing in 800 fewer theaters. Factoring in higher ticket prices, "Days of Thunder" would have debuted with about $29 million in today's dollars.

After just 10 days in theaters, "Toy Story 3" is about to hurtle beyond "Shrek Forever After," now at $229.3 million after five weeks in theaters, to become the year's top-grossing animated movie.

Though $300 million blockbusters "Iron Man 2" and "Alice in Wonderland" had bigger opening weekends, "Toy Story 3" now is outpacing both and could be on track to become the year's biggest hit.

"Though I would never try to call that prematurely, it certainly is the kind of movie that plays so well that you would expect the legs to put it into a pretty lofty position," said Chuck Viane, head of distribution for Disney. "The storytelling is so superb that I think it's going to play forever."

"Toy Story 3" has added $100 million in 32 overseas countries to raise its worldwide total to $326.6 million. The film has yet to open in many major markets, including most of Europe.

While Cruise once was one of Hollywood's most-dependable draws, Sandler remains a steadfast box-office earner. "Grown Ups" was his 10th film to open in a consistent range from about $34 million to $48 million, dating to 1998's "The Waterboy."

"Grown Ups" features Sandler and his pals as boyhood friends reuniting as adults for the funeral of their old basketball coach.

Critics usually hate Sandler's movies, while fans keep turning up.

"They realize that they're the final judge, and they've chosen Adam over and over," said Rory Bruer, head of distribution for Sony. "They know what they want to see."

Overall business was down again as Hollywood lapsed back into a box office slide that persisted from May into early June. Revenues totaled $160 million, down 20 percent from a huge weekend last year, when "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen" debuted with $109 million.

Summer revenues are at $1.7 billion, down 5 percent from the record pace of 2009, while attendance is off nearly 11 percent, according to Hollywood.com.

Business should rebound as "The Twilight Saga: Eclipse" opens Wednesday for the Fourth of July weekend, one of the year's busiest times at theaters.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Hollywood.com. Final figures will be released Monday.

Emotional end for 'As the World Turns' on Emmys

Michael Park and Maura West of "As the World Turns" were named best actor and actress in a soap opera at the Daytime Emmy Awards on Sunday, an emotional send-off for a show that is going off the air in three months.

West brought her sobbing daughter onstage at the Las Vegas Hilton to celebrate the sweep in acting awards for the show, which was canceled by CBS. Its last episode will air in September.

"I can't think of a better way to say goodbye to a 13-year run on a 53-year-old show," said Park, who plays Jack Snyder on the series.

CBS' "The Bold & The Beautiful" won the Emmy for best soap opera for the second year in a row. "As the World Turns" wasn't nominated in that category.

Until the twin wins for Park and West, it was a muted goodbye for the soap opera on an awards show aired by the network that axed it. Jon and Kelley Menighan Hensley, a husband-and-wife team that acts on "As the World Turns," introduced a short reel of show highlights through the years.

Park noted the emotional scene when the show's team recently filmed its final episode last week. "I pray that you never have to endure what we endured on Wednesday," he said.

Another "As the World Turns" cast member, Julie Pinson, was named best supporting actress in a drama.

It was a big night for Discovery's "Cash Cab." The show filmed in the back of a New York City taxi was named best game show for the third time in a row, and host Ben Bailey won for the first time as best game show host.

"I want to share this with all my fellow cab drivers and standup comedians," Bailey said as he held his trophy. "Those are both very difficult jobs."

"The Ellen DeGeneres Show" was named best entertainment talk show. Both DeGeneres and Oprah Winfrey did not submit their names for best talk show host, an award won by Winfrey protege Dr. Mehmet Oz for the first year of "The Dr. Oz Show."

Son beat dad in the category of best informative talk show, won by "The Doctors." The show's executive producer is Jay McGraw, son of Dr. Phil McGraw, whose "Dr. Phil" was another nominee in the category.

"Looks like fun to win something around here," said Daytime Emmy host Regis Philbin, whose "Live with Regis & Kelly" has never been named best talk show.

Billy Miller of CBS' "The Young and the Restless" won the Emmy for best supporting actor in a daytime drama.

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Grown Ups
Friday & Saturday 1:10 4:30 7:10 9:55
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Adam Sandler, Kevin James
Comedy • Rated PG 13
Synopsis
Thirty years after graduating from high school, five former basketball teammates gather at the lake house where they celebrated their biggest victory to mourn the passing of their late coach. Over the course of the Fourth of July weekend, the five friends realize that just because they've all grown up and started families doesn't mean that they've lost that old spark.

Knight And Day
Friday & Saturday 1:30 4:10 7:20 9:45
Sunday thru Thursday 1:30 4:10 7:20
Tom Cruise, Cameron Diaz
Action • Rated PG 13
Synopsis
A fugitive couple (Tom Cruise and Cameron Diaz) wages a war between truth and trust while speeding across the globe in an attempt to avoid capture by a determined federal agent (Peter Sarsgaard). Paul Dano, Viola Davis, Olivier Martinez, Maggie Grace, and Marc Blucas co-star.

Toy Story 3
Friday & Saturday 1:15 4:15 7:15 9:45
Sunday thru Thursday 1:15 4:15 7:15
Tom Hanks, Tim Allen
Fantasy, Children's, Family • Rated G
Synopsis
Pixar returns to their first success with Toy Story 3. The movie begins with Andy leaving for college and donating his beloved toys—including Woody (Tom Hanks) and Buzz (Tim Allen)—to a daycare. While the crew meets new friends, including Ken (Michael Keaton), they soon grow to hate their new surroundings and plan an escape.

Jonah Hex
Friday & Saturday 1:20 4:05 7:30 9:30
Sunday thru Thursday 1:20 4:05 7:30
Josh Brolin, Megan Fox
Western • Rated PG 13

The Karate Kid
Friday & Saturday 1:00 4:00 7:00 9:50
Sunday thru Thursday 1:00 4:00 7:00
Jackie Chan, Jaden Smith
Drama • Rated PG

The Prince of Persia
Friday & Saturday 1:05 4:20 7:05 9:40
Sunday thru Thursday 1:05 4:20 7:05
Jake Gyllenhaal, Gemma Arterton
Adventure • Rated PG 13

The A-Team
Friday & Saturday 1:25 4:25 7:25 9:35
Sunday thru Thursday 1:25 4:25 7:25
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Chris Brown performs Jackson tribute at BET Awards

LOS ANGELES (AP)—It was a night of comebacks at the BET Awards, and none more unexpected than Chris Brown performing an emotional tribute to Michael Jackson.

The embattled pop star has mostly kept a low profile since pleading guilty to felony assault for beating up Rihanna in February 2009. But here he was, center stage, mimicking Jackson's signature dance moves with almost eerie accuracy. Introduced by Jermaine Jackson, Brown embodied the King of Pop, wearing his fedora and spangled glove and moonwalking across the stage to "Billie Jean."

Then, as Brown grabbed a microphone to sing "Man in the Mirror," he broke down in tears. His voice cracked, he couldn't sing, and at one point he crumpled to the stage in apparent agony. It was a moving moment made even more so by the song's lyrics and Brown's recent past.

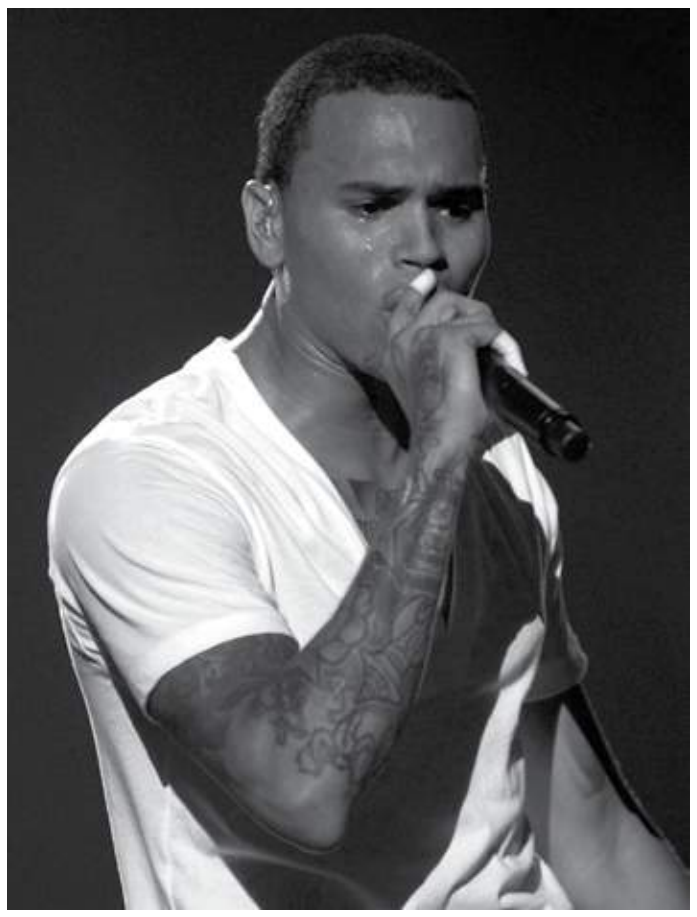
The 21-year-old returned to the stage later in the show when he won the AOL "fandemonium award."

"I let you all down before, but I won't do it again. I promise you," he said.

Sunday's ceremony at the Shrine Auditorium began with a comeback: Kanye West opened the show atop a volcano onstage in his first TV appearance since dissing Taylor Swift at last year's MTV Video Music Awards.

T.I. also made a triumphant return to television in his first TV performance since being released from prison in December. Backed by Travis Barker on drums, T.I. performed "Yeah Ya Know," and later returned to the stage to sing "Hello, Good Morning" with Diddy-Dirty Money, Rick Ross and Nicki Minaj, who won for female hip-hop artist.

El DeBarge also made a comeback, his falsetto undiminished, performing hits "I Like It," "Time Will Reveal" and "Rhythm of the Night." He returned later to perform the title track from his new album due in the fall, "Second Chance."



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Chris Brown performs a tribute to Michael Jackson at the BET Awards on Sunday, June 27, 2010 in Los Angeles.

Host Queen Latifah was also musical, first singing to famous members of the audience, then returning to her rap roots and rhyming about the royalty in the audience: herself and Prince, who received BET's lifetime achievement award.

The venerable entertainer was feted with an all-female musical tribute. Janelle Monae offered an energetic take on "Let's Go Crazy." Jazz musician Esperanza Spalding accompanied herself on standup bass for "If I Was Your Girlfriend." Alicia Keys started behind the piano, then climbed on top of it, when she sang "Adore," and Patti LaBelle kicked off her shoes to give her all to "Purple Rain."

Prince, who wore a tunic with his own image on it, seemed humbled by the tribute.

"I'm just so thankful to be a part of this world of music," he said. "Thanks for a wonderful night. I'll never forget it as long as I live."

Performances were so plentiful during the 3 1/2-hour show that prizes were almost secondary.

Usher was backed by a string section as he sang "There Goes My Baby." Drake, who was named best male hip-hop artist, performed his hit "Thank Me Later." B.o.B. was joined by Keyshia Cole, and later Eminem, on "Airplanes." Eminem continued with his new single, "Not Afraid," backed by a choir. Trey Songz, who was named best male R&B artist, crooned his hit, "Yo Side of the Bed," as a banner on stage behind him read, "pray for our soldiers and their families."

Alicia Keys performed a medley of her hits, bookended by two awards. She won for female R&B artist and best collaboration for her song with Jay-Z, "Empire State of Mind."

John Legend was presented with BET's humanitarian award for his work on the Show Me Campaign, which aims to eradicate poverty worldwide through education and health care. He challenged his peers to become humanitarians as well.

"There's a lot of money, fame and influence in this room tonight," Legend said. "So I say to all of us: We can do better, we can make this world better. Let's not waste this opportunity."

The BET Awards honor the year's best in music, sports and film in 19 categories. Winners are selected by a voting academy comprising industry insiders and executives, music journalists and a group of fans randomly selected by BET.com.

Serena Williams won sportswoman of the year and LeBron James was sportsman of the year. Beyonce and Lady Gaga weren't on hand to accept their award for video of the year for "Video Phone," nor was Rihanna around to collect the viewer's choice award for her song with Young Jeezy, "Hard."

Sunday's show also introduced emerging musicians to the audience through BET's Music Matters initiative, and shined a spotlight on four citizens who are contributing to their communities through education and outreach.

Ludacris was surrounded by female violinists and backed by Tommy Lee on drums as he performed "My Chick Bad." Then, a marching band joined him on stage—as did DJ Khaled, T-Pain, Ross and Minaj—to close the show with the rousing "Hands Up."

Tempers flare on set for ex-fiances Pavelka, Girardi

By FRANK LOVECE
NEWSDAY

Following days of he-said-she-said about their breakup, Jake Pavelka and ex-fiancee Vienna Girardi of the most recent edition of "The Bachelor" met Thursday for the first time after their volatile breakup, to tape a segment for the July 5 premiere of ABC's sister show "The Bachelorette"—and the two angrily erupted at each other.

After arriving separately at an undisclosed location, Us magazine reports, Girardi would not let Pavelka speak, continually cutting him off to a point that he stood up to demand, "Will you just let me finish?"

"He couldn't get a word out—it was very reflective of their relationship," an unnamed source told Us, adding that host Chris Harrison often had to tell Girardi, "Vienna, let him talk." Girardi eventually fled in tears.

The source denied Internet reports that Pavelka, 32, raised a fist at Girardi. "It did not happen. He was calm and collected."

Prior to the taping, Pavelka, 32, told the syndicated TV show "Extra" that, "Hopefully, it's gonna be some closure for me." He also said he owed it to the country to appear with Girardi. "America was there and stood with me at the birth of our relationship," he said to the show's Mario Lopez, "and I think I owe it to them and to myself and Vienna to let everybody be there at the end of it."

Fueling tensions was that Girardi had told Star magazine this week she and Pavelka had not been intimate for more than four months.

Pavelka, in the upcoming issue of People, calls that claim "insane. That's being dramatic and that's reaching."

Meanwhile, Pavelka has been added to the cast of ABC's "Bachelor Pad," which premieres Aug. 9. The show features "Fan-favorites, archrivals and villains" from "The Bachelor" and "The Bachelorette," according to ABC. They will all live in a mansion and compete for the chance to date the contestants of their choice and a $250,000 prize.

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In this April 21, 2010 file photo, television personalities Jake Pavelka, right, and Vienna Girardi arrive at the premiere of "The Back-up Plan" in Los Angeles.

Grandmother's sweet treats are causing sour feelings

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My parents live nearby and are extremely helpful with my young children. My mom feels the need to be the "fun" grandma, and her way of accomplishing it is to always have sweet treats available for the kids in her home. In my home, she allows them to skip vegetables at dinner and loads them up with dessert. Because she is helping me out I ignore this, but every once in a while I ask her in front of the kids to refrain from giving them sweets.

My children recently told me that the second I walk out the door she goes and gets the sweets and hands them out. They all told me they do not have to say a word—she just does it. I feel this is disrespectful to me and sets a poor example for my children. Should I say something, or am I overreacting?

SWEET SUE IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR SWEET SUE: By all means "say something" to your mother. What she's doing may be well-intentioned, but she is doing your children no favor by creating and indulging their appetite for sugar. When she's at your house, TELL her what you want the kids to have as snacks and for dessert. And when they're at her place, bring approved snacks that you prefer she serve.

By going behind your back she is undercutting your authority as a parent. You're lucky your children told you what's happening so you can put your foot down.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been a security guard for more than three years, and I'm dismayed at the treatment I've received. I am a person and deserve to be treated as such.

I can't tell you how many times I have been verbally abused because I simply asked someone to show an ID. Security guards are here to protect people and property. Please remember that the next time you are asked to show identification or sign in. Thank you.

MARY IN SUNNYVALE, CALIF.

DEAR MARY: After reading your letter, I spoke to several security officers and asked about their experiences. They all said that when asking someone to show ID, it's important to approach the person in a friendly, non-confrontational manner—because sometimes it's not what is said but the way it is said that causes people to take offense. One female officer stated that males sometimes give her "attitude" because she is a woman. But on the other side of the coin, women liked the idea of a female officer.

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DEAR ABBY: My view of feminism is very broad and is based on the belief that women are—and should be—politically, socially and economically equal to men.

I am dumbfounded when I hear young women proudly proclaim that they are not feminists after learning that I am. What is the appropriate response when comments such as, "I'm not a feminist—I expect men to take care of everything for me!" are directed toward me?

FLABBERGASTED FEMINIST IN AUSTIN, TEXAS

DEAR FLABBERGASTED: Smile and ask, "And what are you going to do when they don't?"

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 27-year-old, heterosexual female in a long-term, happy relationship with a man. However, I often find myself checking out other women's bodies. It doesn't turn me on or anything—I just look to compare, I think. Am I normal, or do I need professional help?

STRAIGHT IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR STRAIGHT: Yes, and no.

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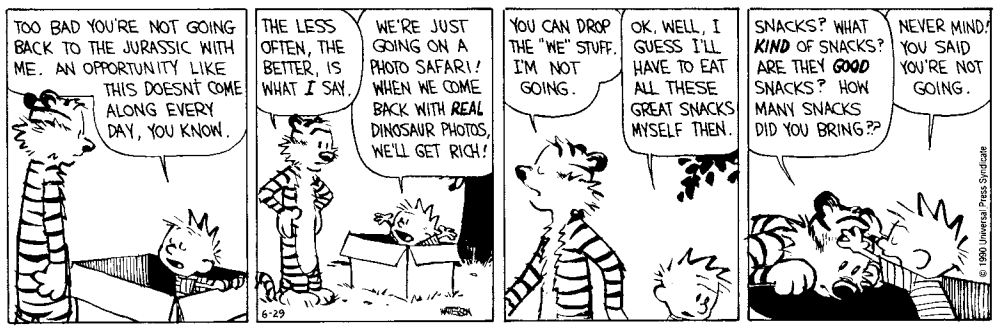
Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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WE'RE JUST GOING ON A PHOTO SAFARI! WHEN WE COME BACK WITH REAL DINOSAUR PHOTOS, WE'LL GET RICH!
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YOU CAN DROP THE "WE" STUFF. I'M NOT GOING.
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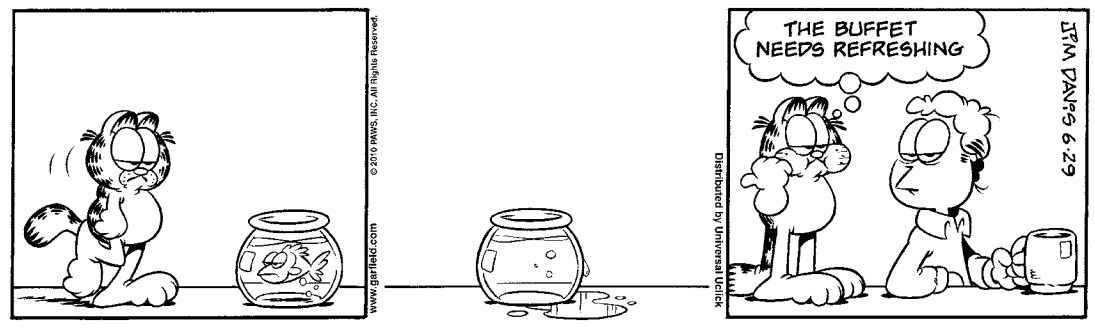

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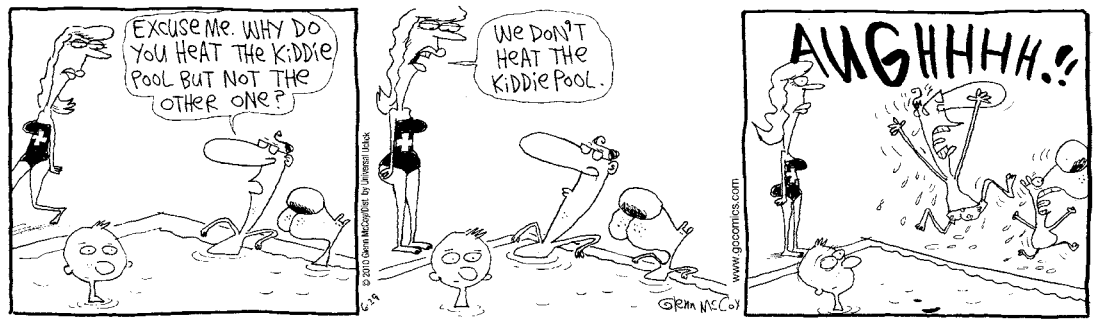
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CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Open slightly
5 Knock
8 Speedy steed
12 Equine cross-breed
13 Ram's mate
14 Zilch
15 Use 18-Across
16 Prefixed explanation
18 Windows feature
20 Red Sea land
21 Science workshop
22 Meadow
23 Refine
26 Hasp fastener
30 Feedbag tidbit
31 Curse
32 Weeding tool
33 Tetanus
36 Askew
38 Promptly
39 Larry and Curly's pal
40 Foolish folks
43 Mandible
47 Nitwit
49 Vicinity
50 Carrier to Tel Aviv
51 Eggs
52 Afternoon affairs
53 Journals
54 "Platoon" site
55 Catch sight of

DOWN
1 "So be it"
2 Martial art
3 Settled down
4 Narrate anew
5 Habit-kicking program, for short
6 Dumb-founded
7 Shell game need
8 Temper, as metal
9 Leeway
10 Initial stake
11 Existed
17 Changed the color
19 Butter serving
22 Remiss
23 Scale member
24 Long March leader
25 And so on (Abbr.)
26 "Wham!"
27 Discover-er's cry
28 Swindle
29 Frat party container
31 Man-handle
34 Prepares to pray
35 Tease
36 "Holy moley!"
37 Money-back deal
39 Sir's counter-part
40 First victim
41 One's perfor-mance
42 Unfore-seen woe
43 Morning bever-age, slangily
44 Raw rocks
45 Tide variety
46 Simple
48 Very long time

Solution time: 21 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 6-29

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ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Be aware of the cycles you have been through in the past in order to recognize reoccurring circumstances. Personal and professional issues will be difficult to deal with but, if you trust in your own abilities and help those in need, you will resolve the ongoing issues. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Don't let your emotions cloud issues or take you in the wrong direction. Precision will be required, especially where business is involved. Avoid conflicts over rules and regulations. ✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Touch base with people you haven't seen for a long time. You need to reminisce in order to embrace some of the goals and skills you never had a chance to develop. Take part in any event that allows you to revive your past. ✪✪✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Invest in yourself, not someone else or a cause you know little about. A change at work may put more responsibility on you. Make sure you are compensated for your time and effort. Spend time doing something you enjoy. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Love, romance, travel and a change of scenery will all contribute to making today a positive experience. Your emotions are tuned in to the people who mean the most to you, so nurture these relationships. Be honest. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): You may be good at dealing with other people's dilemmas but you must give them a chance to figure things out or you will continue to have to take responsibility. Financial uncertainty will arise if you pay for others or are careless with your money. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): You are under too much pressure and you need to distance yourself in order to get things back in perspective. Looking at your situation from the outside in will give you greater insight into what needs to be done. Don't overreact. ✪✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Stick to what you enjoy and what you know and do best. Leave emotional discussions until you are in a better position to get your point across. Changes are heading your way and they appear to be in your favor if you follow your instincts. ✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): You have to take charge before someone else does. There will be plenty of issues both at home and work that will lead to financial uncertainty if you don't take action. Diplomacy will be required. ✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Problems with friends, relatives and neighbors can be expected. Take action and make your position known. Someone will be waiting and watching for you to make a costly mistake, leaving you in a vulnerable position and an easy mark. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Use your imagination, be innovative and, most of all, be sure about your intentions. Love is in the stars but honesty must prevail if you intend to turn a connection into a long-term relationship. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): You may feel like sharing your thoughts and feelings but it's best to say little and listen a lot. Don't give in to ultimatums. Choose your path and stick to it. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are sensitive, emotional and, at times, erratic. You can bend to different lifestyles. You are willing to take action to get what you want.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★ 6/29

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HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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Yesterday's Answer: Johannesburg

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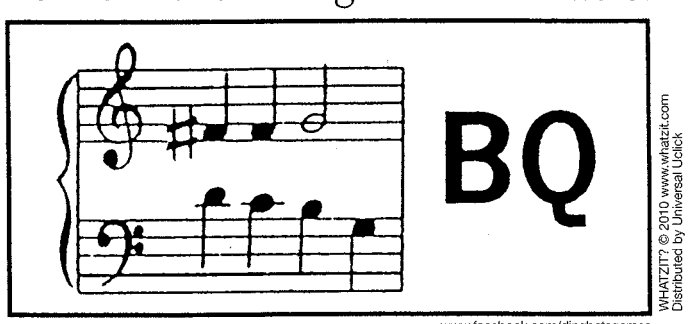

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Moyer yields record-breaking 506th HR, still wins

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Jamie Moyer gave up his record-breaking 506th home run but was sharp otherwise as the Philadelphia Phillies took advantage of Toronto's troubles to beat the Blue Jays 11-2, Sunday.

Moyer only mistake was a two-run homer by Vernon Wells in the third inning. Moyer passed former Phillies Hall of Famer Robin Roberts for the most homers allowed in a career.

The 47-year-old Moyer (9-6), whose mound opponent wasn't even born when he made his major league debut, gave up two runs and six hits in seven innings. He struck out seven and walked none.

Moyer made his big league debut on June 16, 1986, 16 days before Toronto starter Brett Cecil (7-5) was born.

Yankees 8, Dodgers 6

At Los Angeles, Robinson Cano hit a two-run homer in the 10th inning after the New York Yankees rallied with four runs in the ninth off Los Angeles Dodgers closer Jonathan Broxton.

Mark Teixeira led off the 10th with a single off Ramon Troncoso (1-2) and Alex Rodriguez grounded into a force play. Torre brought in left-hander George Sherrill, whose second pitch was driven into the left-field pavilion by Cano for his 15th homer.

The Dodgers have lost eight of their last 10 games.

Rangers 10, Astros 1

At Arlington, Texas, Josh Hamilton extended his hitting streak to 21 games with the second-longest home run ever at Rangers Ballpark as Texas trounced Houston.

Hamilton's two-run homer in the second was a 468-foot drive several rows into the upper deck in right-center field, way above the Rangers bullpen. His 18th homer of the season put Texas ahead to stay against Roy Oswalt (5-10), whom AL West-leading Texas has expressed interest in acquiring.

Cubs 8, White Sox 6

At Chicago, the White Sox's 11-game winning streak came to an end when a ninth-inning rally against the Cubs fell short.

The White Sox scored three times in the bottom of the ninth. But Alex Rios struck out swinging against Carlos Marmol with runners at first and second to finish it. The White Sox had their longest winning streak since a 12-game run in June 1961.

Paul Konerko hit his 20th homer for the White Sox, tying Frank Thomas' club record with 11 seasons of 20 or more.

Diamondbacks 2, Rays 1

At St. Petersburg, Florida, Tampa Bay stars Evan Longoria and B.J. Upton had to be separated in a dugout dispute after Gerardo Parra hit a two-run homer in the fifth inning that helped Arizona beat the Rays.

Rodrigo Lopez and three relievers combined on a two-hitter for the Diamondbacks, who took two of three from the Rays.

Longoria, the third baseman, and Upton, the center fielder, were seen arguing in the dugout after the Diamondbacks went ahead in the fifth. Several teammates stepped in between the two, and Willy Aybar wrapped his arms around Upton while separating the two.

Mets 6, Twins 0

At New York, Jeff Francoeur and David Wright each hit a two-run homer in the New York Mets' victory over Minnesota.

Ike Davis also went deep—very, very deep—and the Mets racked up 14 hits to back the fourth straight win by Jonathon Niese (5-2) since coming off the disabled list.

Francoeur finished a triple short of the cycle.

Red Sox 5, Giants 1

At San Francisco, Jon Lester pitched a five-hitter and David Ortiz splashed a home run into McCovey Cove as Boston beat Tim Lincecum and San Francisco.

Lester put the Red Sox ahead for good with a sacrifice fly in the second inning. Adrian Beltre also homered and Marco Scutaro and Bill Hall each hit RBI singles as Boston took the series.

After the game, the Red Sox learned catcher Victor Martinez has a broken left thumb.

Indians 5, Reds 3

At Cincinnati, Choo Shin-soo homered twice off Bronson Arroyo—the second time he's done it this season—as Cleveland beat Cincinnati to end its seven-game losing streak.

The Indians traded power hitter Russell Branyan to Seattle for a pair of prospects before the game, conceding this season is a lost cause.

Choo hit a solo homer in the first and a three-run shot in the fifth off Arroyo (7-4), who can't seem to get him out. Choo also homered twice off Arroyo on May 21 during Cincinnati's 7-4 win in Cleveland.

Tigers 10, Braves 4

At Atlanta, rookie Brennan Boesch homered and drove in three runs as Detroit downed Atlanta.

Boesch hit an RBI single during a five-run fourth inning that finished Tommy Hanson (7-5). Boesch added a two-run homer, his 12th of the season and eighth in June, the next inning.

Royals 10, Cardinals 3

At Kansas City, Missouri, Jason Kendall had a pair of two-run doubles and Jose Guillen stretched his hitting streak to 21 games for Kansas City.

Wilson Betemit hit a three-run homer as the Royals took two of three from their I-70 rivals.

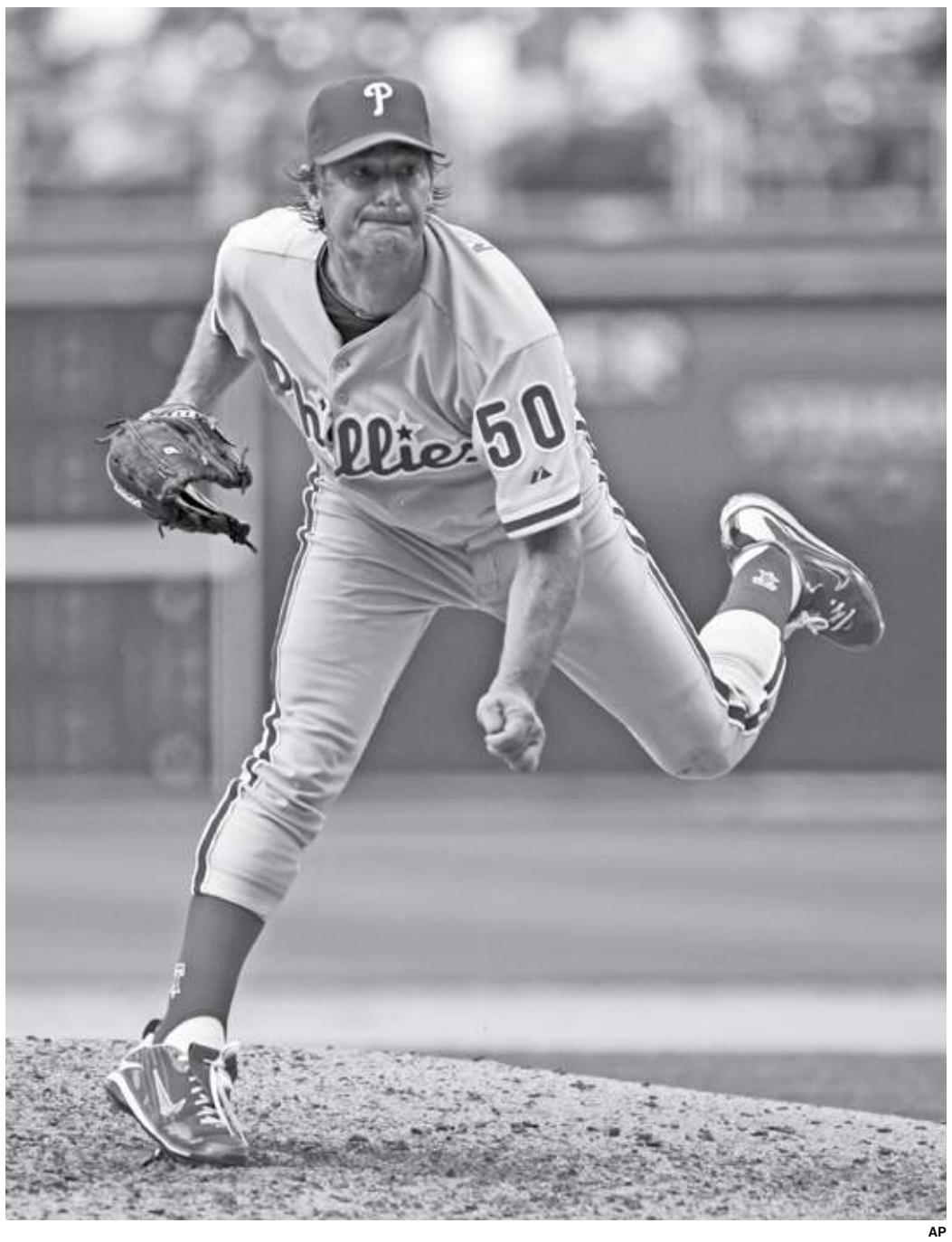
Guillen had two singles, his first glanced off the glove of shortstop Brendan Ryan and drove in a run. His 21-game streak is the longest by a Royal since Rey Sanchez hit in 21 straight in 2001.

Orioles 4, Nationals 3

At Baltimore, Miguel Tejada singled in the tiebreaking run in the eighth inning as Baltimore rallied for its season-high fourth straight win.

Baltimore scored the game's final four runs after trailing 3-0 in the fourth.

With the score 3-all in the eighth, Julio Lugo hit a one-out double off Tyler Clippard (8-5) but strayed too far from second base and was picked off by catcher Wil Nieves. Corey Patterson followed with a double, and Tejada singled up the middle to give the Orioles their first lead of the game.



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Philadelphia Phillies starting pitcher Jamie Moyer throws against the Toronto Blue Jays in the seventh inning of a baseball game Sunday, June 27, 2010, in Philadelphia.

Brewers 3, Mariners 0

At Milwaukee, Chris Narveson allowed four hits over eight innings and Rickie Weeks hit a leadoff homer to lift Milwaukee over Seattle.

It was the first time the 28-year-old Narveson (7-4) had a scoreless outing in 17 career starts and the longest outing of his three-year career.

Weeks hit a leadoff homer for the 17th time in his career and finished with four hits for the Brewers, who have won six of seven. Rookie John Axford converted his seventh save.

Angels 10, Rockies 3

At Anaheim, California, Brandon Wood hit his first career grand slam and Mike Napoli added a three-run homer as the Los Angeles Angels downed Colorado.

Colorado led 2-0 when the Angels turned three hits and an error into four runs off Jhoulys Chacin (4-7) in the fourth inning. Napoli highlighted the rally with his 13th home run.

Wood's grand slam keyed a five-run outburst in the eighth.

Athletics 3, Pirates 2

At Oakland, California, Kurt Suzuki homered with two outs in the eighth inning after a dropped foul popup as Oakland handed Pittsburgh its 17th straight road loss.

With the score 2-all, Pirates reliever Evan Meek (3-2) struck out the first two batters in the eighth. Suzuki followed with a pop that catcher Jason Jaramillo dropped for an error. Two pitches later, Suzuki hit his 10th home run.

Lastings Milledge hit a home run and Jose Tabata also drove in a run for the Pirates, who finished 2-13 in interleague play.

Padres 4, Marlins 2

At Miami, Florida, Will Venable hit a tiebreaking, two-run home run in the eighth inning as San Diego completed three-game sweep of Florida.

Venable connected on a 2-2 pitch from Brian Sanches (0-1), driving the ball just inside the right-field pole for his eighth homer of the season and breaking a 2-all tie. It was his third tiebreaking homer since Wednesday night and fourth homer in seven games.

Phil Jackson: Karl's illness to influence return

WHITEFISH, Mont. (AP)—Seeing Denver Nuggets coach George Karl sidelined last season with cancer will influence Phil Jackson's upcoming decision on whether to return as coach of the Los Angeles Lakers, the legendary coach said at a meeting of Western governors on Sunday.

Jackson told reporters after his speech to the Western Governors' Association that he's waiting to hear from doctors on whether he's healthy enough to make it through another 82-game regular season.

The 64-year-old said he wouldn't want to leave his squad without a coach in the middle of the season, as Karl was forced to do earlier this year while undergoing chemotherapy and radiation for throat and neck cancer.

"My concern to be quite blunt, is I don't want to happen what happened to Denver and George Karl," Jackson said.

Jackson has two replaced hips, a sore knee requiring a brace under his suit during the season and a previous heart problem.

He's one of the most successful coaches in league history with a .705 regular-season winning percentage, a record 225 postseason victories and two more titles than Boston's Red Auerbach. His Lakers beat the Boston Celtics in Game 7 of the NBA finals last week to claim their second straight title, and Jackson sounds increasingly interested in going out on top.

But he told the governors that his 13 total championships—two as a player—seems like an odd figure.

"Which is a hard number to stop at if you think about it," he said to enthusiastic applause.

Jackson said he will be largely out of touch during his customary two-month vacation at his lakeside home near Glacier National Park, close to where he spent a good part of his childhood. His speech to governors Sunday was largely about growing up in the rural West.

The coach said he refuses to fly after the season. Instead he drives back to Montana. He found during his playing days with the Knicks that it is about 2,800 miles taking back roads from New York to northwestern Montana. Later he found it's about 1,800 miles from Chicago, avoiding the freeways.

"Up here, this has been the recharging time for me," Jackson told reporters. "I have said I have to have this because this keeps me going."

Players like Kobe Bryant have openly lobbied for his return, and Lakers management are anxiously awaiting his decision.

Jackson's career record is 1,098-460, winning at least 55 games in 15 of his 19 seasons.

Watson wins 3-way playoff at Travelers

CROMWELL, Conn. (AP)—Bubba Watson really wanted to play well at the Travelers Championship to impress U.S. Ryder Cup captain Corey Pavin.

He did.

Watson overcame a six-stroke deficit Sunday to force a playoff with Pavin and Scott Verplank, then beat Verplank with a par on the second playoff hole.

Watson, the long-hitting lefthander from the Florida Panhandle, closed with a 4-under 66 to match Verplank (64) and Pavin (66) at 14 under. Pavin dropped out on the first extra hole.

After making a 3-footer on the par-3 16th to win, Watson hugged wife Angie and began crying. He said he was so nervous, he could not feel his arms on the final putt.

"I'm a very emotional guy," he said. "I cry all the time. When I go to church on Sunday, I cry at church. I couldn't get the 'Yes' out of 'I do' at my wedding. The pastor said, 'You got to say it. You can't just nod. You can't nod.'

"Everybody has issues. My family had some issues. My dad is battling cancer. My wife last year thought she had a tumor in her brain. We got lucky with that one, and now, we're battling with my dad. It's emotional."

It was largest comeback on the tour since Padraig Harrington also came from six back to win the 2007 British Open.

Verplank left his tee shot short and left of the green on the second playoff hole and missed an 8-foot par putt. Watson, who had a 48-footer for birdie, was able to steady his nerves enough to get it close.

The 50-year-old Pavin, who was taking a break from the Champions Tour to scout players for the Ryder Cup, was eliminated on the first playoff hole after hitting his tee shot just 219 yards (101 yards shorter than Watson) and putting his approach into a bunker short of the 18th green. He chipped to 3 feet, earning a standing ovation.

"The playoff was a little disappointing to me," he said. "I kind of popped up a three-wood there and left myself in a pretty precarious spot."

"Now, it's just time to go back and play with golfers my own age," he added.

Justin Rose, coming off his first PGA Tour win this month at the Memorial, had a three-stroke lead entering the round. But the 29-year-old Englishman shot a 75 to tie for ninth at 11 under.

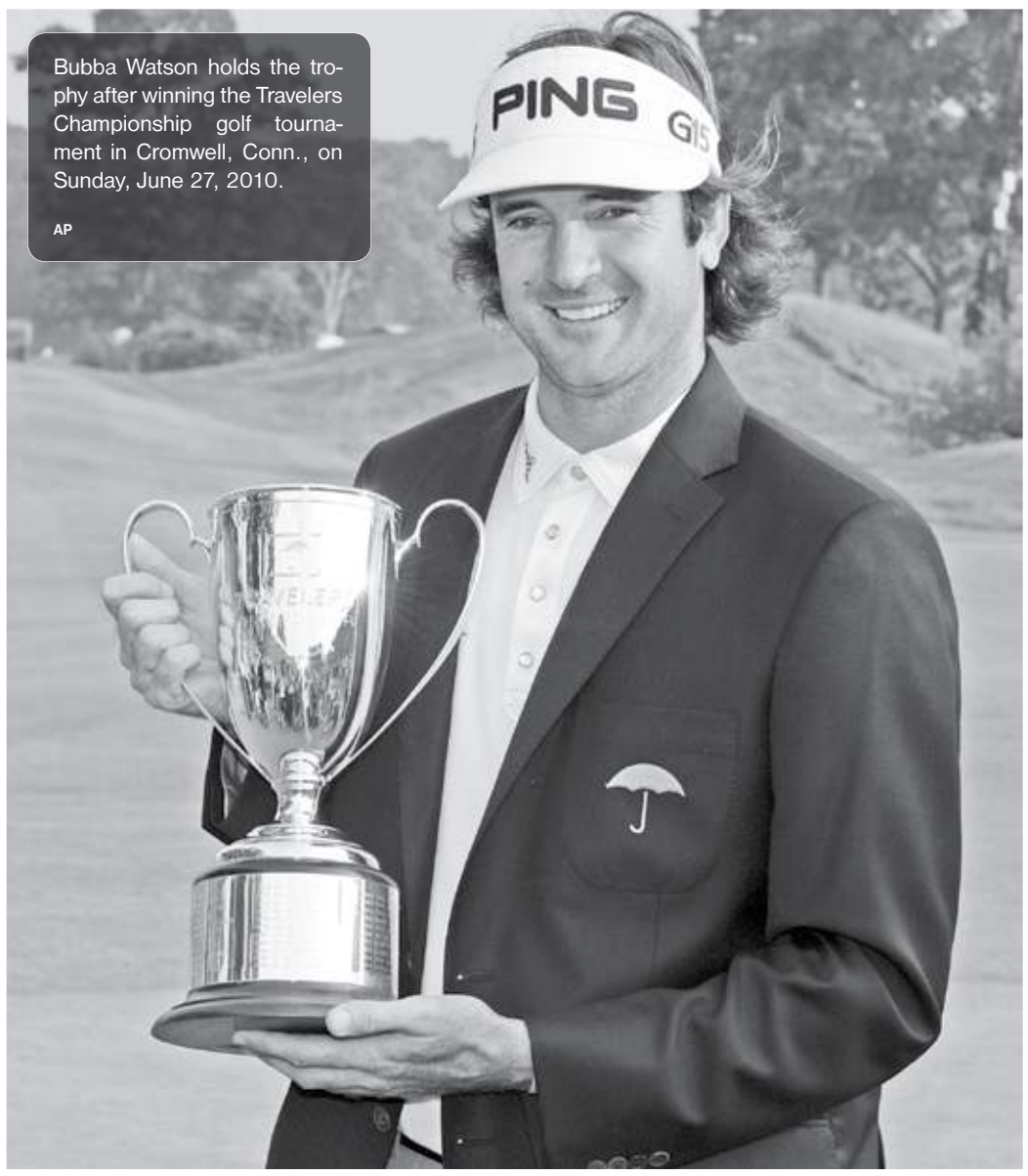
"It was obviously my tournament to lose," Rose said. "I could have shot 1-over par today and won the golf tournament. It's disappointing. It wasn't overly difficult today."

Watson almost won on the first playoff hole, hitting a sand wedge within an inch of the cup from 128 yards out.

But Verplank made an 8-foot birdie putt to extend the playoff.

Verplank started the day in 13th place, eight strokes behind Rose, while Pavin and Watson were both six back.

Verplank eagled the 13th and 15th holes to move into contention. But a birdie try on 17 lipped the cup.



Bubba Watson holds the trophy after winning the Travelers Championship golf tournament in Cromwell, Conn., on Sunday, June 27, 2010.

AP

"When I holed it on 15, I looked at the leaderboard, and I wasn't that far back. I needed to birdie one of the last couple holes," Verplank said.

The crowd began chanting "USA! USA!" after Pavin made a 32-foot birdie putt on 17 hole that broke sharply from left to right and put him into contention.

He said he wouldn't see himself on the Ryder Cup team, even if he had won.

"Being captain is pretty tough, just to do that," he said. "Arnold Palmer was the last one to do that, and that was a different era, a different time. I wouldn't have played."

Watson had led briefly after four birdies on the back nine put him at 15 under. But he hit his tee shot on 17 into a bunker, and topped his second shot into the water on the way to a double bogey.

But he didn't quit. He hit his tee shot 396 yards off the cart path, and made a 6-foot birdie putt to get into the playoff.

"I guess you can't say I choked, because I came back and birdied the next hole and now I'm the champion," he said.

No player in the first three groups made it into the playoff.

Rose held the lead until he missed a 10-foot par putt on 10th and moved into a three-way tie with playing partner Ben Curtis and Verplank.

Rose lost the lead after a bogey on the 12th hole, then hit his tee shot on 15 into the water on his way to a double bogey.

Curtis, who bogeyed just two holes in the tournament coming into Sunday, hit his tee shot on 12 out of bounds to the left, and made a double bogey. Both he and Rose bogeyed 16. Curtis finished with a 73 to tie for 13th at 10 under.

Chris Riley began the day at 8 under, but eagled the par-4 14th from 155 yards and was 5 under on the back nine. He finished a stroke out of the playoff at 13 under.

"I bogeyed my first two holes and, I was like, 'Ho, hum. Here we go,'" he said. "I was in something like 45th place. What makes this course so great is you can make up ground."

Watson ended Europe's tour winning streak at three. Northern Ireland's Graeme McDowell won the big prize last week at the U.S. Open. The Memorial was Rose's first tour win, and fellow Englishman Lee Westwood won the St. Jude Classic.

Watson earned $1.08 million and moved into eighth place in the FedEx Cup rankings.

After 70-68, what will Wimbledon's Week 2 produce?

WIMBLEDON, England (AP)—If it's hard to imagine how this wildest of Wimbledons—does 70-68 ring a bell?—could top itself in Week 2, consider all the characters still strutting on tennis' biggest stage.

Roger Federer, bidding for a record-tying seventh championship at the All England Club. Rafael Nadal, seeking a second after declining to defend his 2008 title because of injury. Andy Roddick, yearning for one Wimbledon trophy after three runner-up finishes. Andy Murray, well aware that all of Britain is counting on him to end its 74-year wait for a homegrown men's champion.

A pair of sisters named Serena and Venus, aiming for a fifth all-Williams final, and third in a row, at the grass-court Grand Slam tournament; one or the other has won eight of the past 10 women's championships. Justine Henin and Kim Clijsters, back at Wimbledon after years away and hoping to finally win it. Another former No. 1 and major champion, Maria Sharapova, striving to return to relevance in the latter stages of big events.

Each of those names—indeed, each of the 32 men and women left in the singles draws—is featured on the fourth-round schedule when action resumes Monday, following Wimbledon's traditional day of rest on the middle Sunday. Two intriguing showdowns are Serena Williams vs. Sharapova, in a rematch of the 2004 final won by the Russian; and Henin vs. Clijsters, in the 25th meeting between the Belgian rivals.

"Well, I'd rather be here doing an interview than being at home on the couch and watching Wimbledon from home, that's for sure," said the top-seeded Federer, who plays No. 16 Jurgen Melzer of Austria. "So I feel very lucky, of course. ... I'm excited I'm still in the tournament. I hope I can go further."

Before looking ahead, though, take a moment to reflect on all that's transpired through six days.

In the tournament's opening Centre Court match, 16-time Grand Slam champion Federer dropped the first two sets against a guy with a sub.-500 career record before turning things around. Nadal gutted out consecutive come-from-behind, five-set victories and needed a trainer to help with a balky right knee, although he told The Associated Press it felt "good, good; not bad" after practicing 40 minutes Sunday.

There's more.

The weather has been ideal, with nary a drop of rain. Both women's finalists from this month's French Open lost in the first round. Queen Elizabeth II attended the tournament for the first time since 1977, applauding after watching Murray's second-round victory and his well-choreographed bows. Victor Hanescu, a Romanian seeded 31st, was fined $15,000 for spitting and swearing at hecklers during a match and for not giving his all before quitting in a huff during the fifth set.

Novak Djokovic, the 2008 Australian Open champion, played the latest-finishing match in Wimbledon history, winning the last point under the roof and lights at Centre Court at 10:59 p.m., one minute before the tournament's self-imposed curfew. Add his five-setter to those of Federer and Nadal, and it's only the second time in the 42-year Open era that a Grand Slam tournament's top three seeded men each was taken the distance before the fourth round.

Indeed, there already have been 28 five-set matches, the most through three rounds at Wimbledon since there were 29 in 1994.

Nothing, of course, tops what John Isner of the United States and Nicolas Mahut of France endured in the first round: It was the longest match—by far—in tennis history, a body-battering, 183-game test of will that encompassed 11 hours, 5 minutes of action over three days; play was suspended twice by darkness because they were out on Court 18, which has no lights.

The fifth set alone, which Isner finally won by that score no one will soon forget, 70-68, dragged on for 8 hours, 11 minutes, more than 1 1/2 hours longer than any previous entire match on record.

"When you look at it on paper, it just looks funny, like some sort of joke," Isner said. "It did shine a positive light on the sport. It kind of shows what tennis players are capable of—that we're pretty good athletes."

They played 980 points, 711 in the fifth set. Isner hit 112 aces, and Mahut 103, both easily surpassing the previous single-match mark of 78. After all of that wear-and-tear, Isner said his right shoulder was "kind of dead," his neck stiff, and his little left toe stinging from the pain of a "gnarly" blister. His second-round loss went all of 74 minutes, the shortest men's contest in the tournament so far, which seems to fit with the way the week went.

"From the first match out of the gate, with Roger being up against it, you know, to the Isner-Mahut trilogy, to the queen coming, to Rafa in five - if you guys are struggling for story lines, you need to get a different job, fast," Roddick said.

And yet, for all of those unusual sights, there has not been one truly significant upset involving a title contender.

For the first time since 2001, the top six men in Wimbledon's seedings are in the fourth round: No. 1 Federer, No. 2 Nadal (vs. 66th-ranked Paul-Henri Mathieu), No. 3 Djokovic (vs. 2002 Wimbledon champion Lleyton Hewitt), No. 4 Murray (vs. No. 18 Sam Querrey of Santa Monica, Calif.), No. 5 Roddick (vs. 82nd-ranked Yen-hsun Lu of Taiwan) and No. 6 Robin Soderling (vs. No. 9 David Ferrer).

All six were out on adjacent practice courts simultaneously Sunday, getting ready for what's to come. Djokovic and Soderling even engaged in a just-for-fun-yet-high-intensity tiebreaker.

The top four women play Monday, as well: No. 1 Serena Williams, No. 2 Venus Williams (vs. 92nd-ranked Jarmila Groth of Australia), No. 3 Caroline Wozniacki (vs. 62nd-ranked Petra Kvitova of the Czech Republic) and No. 4 Jelena Jankovic (vs. No. 21 Vera Zvonareva).

"No major upsets yet, but tough matches for everyone," Federer said. "It's good for the tournament (that) the top guys are still going. Interesting, with obviously a week ahead of us now."

Yes, depending on who makes it past Monday, the second week of Wimbledon promises to provide some terrific tennis. Perhaps even some history, too.

Not of the 70-68 variety, mind you, but history nonetheless.

KIMBALL

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followed by Andres Bruitrago and Victorie Chentsova, who submitted 41:54 and 41:55, respectively. Buitrago could have posted a better time, but he decided to stay closely to Chentsova, who was stung by a jellyfish. The organizing Saipan Swim Club commended Buitrago's efforts and for his concern about a fellow swimmer's safety.

Of the 27 swimmers who completed the race, 11 were first-timers. They were Carlisle Robinson (46:18), Adam Hardwicke (47:50), Geoffrey Burke (49:58), Perry Conner (52:56), Stan Good (54:56), Daniel Calvo (58:37), Lennusuke Suzuki (1:01:12), Suzy Kindel (1:01:29), Max Simian (1:03:26), David Banes (1:07:30), and Paul Plunkett (1:12:00).

"I though it was very difficult, but it was not. It was a nice race in a very nice weather. I will do it again," Kindel said.

Other finishers and perennial "Escapees" were Carol Lynn Pierce (46:47), Tamio Nishikido (49:25), Gary De Guzman (54:04), Jeff Taylor (54:12), Joshua Berger (58:43), Manny Sitchon (58:45), Mamiko Oshima-Berger (59:10), Mieko Carey (1;01:20), Lewie Tenorio (1:01:25), and Jim Arenovski (1:03:11).

Meanwhile, SSC would like to thank the following for supporting the race and ensuring the safety of the swimmers: kayakers Steve McKagan, Derek Chambers, Randy Steele, Miko Moran, Micheline Brel, Jun Lee, George Haberman, Val Welch, Brian Beardon, Susan Marchitti, and Daniel Stafford, the DPS Boating Safety, NMITF, and Don Dunlop and Sun Rider crew.

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cision. Frank Lampard's long-range shot rebounded off the bar and clearly crossed the line, but the goal that would have leveled the game at 2-2 was ruled out.

"It's incredible," England coach Fabio Capello said. "We played with five referees and they can't decide if it's a goal or no goal. The game was big different after this goal. It was the mistake of the linesman and I think the referee because from the bench I saw the ball go over the (line)."

As England searched for a goal in the second half, the Germans put on a display of counterattacking football to add two goals, and a disappointing England slumped to an early exit.

"We clearly controlled the game until England's goal, then there was a short critical phase," said Loew, who outlined how his German squad had planned to unsettle the English defense. "We managed to expose the England defense. We wanted to get into the penalty area quickly and we did it a couple of times extraordinarily."

The defeat immediately raised questions about the future of Capello, whose contract runs to the end of the 2012 European Championship. The Italian said he would soon sit down with Football Association officials to discuss his tenure.

"I'd like him to stay because he's a fantastic manager," captain Steven Gerrard said. "I'm sure he'll address his own situation very soon."

Argentina beat Mexico 3-1 to set up a quarterfinal against Germany, and a reprise of the 1986 and 1990 World Cup finals. They will meet in Cape Town on Saturday.

Where Germany benefited from having a legitimate goal ruled out, Argentina profited from a referee's decision to allow a goal to stand despite a clear offside that was missed by a linesman.

Carlos Tevez opened the scoring in the 26th, heading into an empty net after Lionel Messi had chipped the ball toward goal. Replays showed there were no defenders between him and the goal at the time the ball was played to him, and Mexico players protested furiously as referee and linesman had a lengthy discussion.

Mexico's anger spilled over into a scuffle behind their bench as the teams walked off at halftime, with Argentina coach Diego Maradona involved in the altercation.

The clear refereeing mistakes will again raise questions about FIFA's refusal to allow video replays.

Germany and England's encounter was the latest in a long line of big tournament games between the two rivals. The Germans knocked out England in a penalty shootout in the semifinals of the 1990 tournament in Italy, and also eliminated England in a shootout during the 1996 European Championship semifinals.

England famously won the 1966 final at Wembley 4-2 after extra time although the Germans remains convinced the second goal of Geoff Hurst's hat trick never crossed the line.

On Sunday, Thomas Mueller scored twice within four minutes in the second half to sink England's hopes of beating Germany at the World Cup for the first time since that 1966 final.

Miroslav Klose and Lukas Podolski gave Germany a 2-0 lead before Matthew Upson pulled a goal back for England in the 37th minute.

It was the second World Cup running that Argentina had beaten Mexico in the round of 16.

After Tevez's contentious opener, Gonzalo Higuain made it 2-0 in the 33rd when he capitalized on a blunder by Mexico defender Ricardo Osorio and steered in his fourth goal of the tournament.

Tevez scored his second and Argentina's third in the 52nd with a sweetly struck long-range shot into the top right corner of the net.

Mexico's Javier Hernandez pulled one back for Mexico in the 71st.

Germany and Argentina joined Saturday's winners Uruguay and Ghana in the quarterfinals. One Monday, Brazil takes on Chile and the Netherlands meets Slovakia.

FIFA had good news to report at Sunday's media briefing, saying this World Cup is the fourth consecutive tournament to be free of doping so far. More than 450 players have been screened, including almost 200 match day checks.

In addition, the number of injuries per match has decreased compared to 2006. The reduction was down to better preparation of players and the improved knowledge of team doctors and medical staff, FIFA chief medical officer Jiri Dvorak said.

Dvorak, a neurologist, said he was particularly pleased to see referees clamping down on the use of elbows to avoid causing head and neck injuries.

"The elbow to the head has to be punished by a red card," Dvorak said. "The referees are being very strict on this."

One area that FIFA may be disappointed in is the number of people using fan zones. Cold weather and unpopular matches have been blamed for lower than expected attendance at some of the venues, with a total of 3 million people visiting the 16 official FIFA sites worldwide.

In 2006, the fan parks attracted 8 million visitors. Durban has been the most popular South African venue so far, with more than 375,000 people watching matches, followed by Cape Town with just over 300,000.

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nated areas.

Using the Internet to build a rapport, Mister has assembled a four-member team who will be competing together for the first time.

"I don't even really know my team members personally, but we have been communicating through e-mail and are looking forward to the event. One of our members—Damien 'Grassy' Chee—lives in Minakami so his expertise and knowledge of the land will be a highly valued," said Mister.

The 43-year-old from Santa Cruz, California is his team's most experienced member.

Mister, a nine-time GEAR competitor and two-time winner, has also represented the CNMI as a member of various men's national volleyball teams and enjoys scuba diving, ultimate Frisbee, triathlons, soccer, and mountain biking.

Additionally, Mister has also competed in the three-day Quoll Adventure Race in Cairns, Australia on three separate occasions.

"I am excited because this my first race in Japan and I am interested in the canyoneering and repelling sections. I heard the terrain there has a lot of elevation and we might even be repelling right next to a waterfall," added Mister.

Aside from Chee, Mister's other teammates include Matt Shewchuk and Shannon Walker.

Shewchuk is from Long Island, New York and his hobbies include swimming, surfing, snowboarding and hiking. This race will be his first competition in the area.

Walker hails from New Zealand, but he grew up in Australia and has resided in Japan for the most part of the past eight years.

He has also competed in some marathons, trail runs, backpacking, and a few short adventure races such as the PowerBar Sports-Self Discovery Series, a few XTERRA races and even had a go at GEAR a few years back.

Walker claims his strengths are on the biking and running sections, where the river sections may give him trouble due to his lack of experience in the field.

Mister said Chee will be a vital member to the group because he lives just 30 minutes from the start point and is very familiar with the geography of the land. His expertise in the canyons and along the rivers will greatly benefit the team.

Chee is also a former Australian Sprint Champion in the 200m, 400m, and 800m.

"For the last 16 years I've been a raft instructor and have also been a local canyoneer guide, everyday, for the past seven years, so canyoneering and rafting are like riding a bike for me," said Chee.

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Tampa Bay	44	31	.587	3
Toronto	40	36	.526	7 1/2
Baltimore	23	52	.307	24

Central Division

Minnesota	41	34	.547	–
Detroit	40	34	.541	1/2
Chicago	39	35	.527	1 1/2
Kansas City	32	44	.421	9 1/2
Cleveland	27	47	.365	13 1/2

West Division

Texas	46	29	.613	–
Los Angeles	43	35	.551	4 1/2
Oakland	37	40	.481	10
Seattle	31	44	.413	15

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East Division

Atlanta	44	32	.579	–
New York	43	32	.573	1/2
Philadelphia	40	33	.548	2 1/2
Florida	35	40	.467	8 1/2
Washington	33	43	.434	11

Central Division

Cincinnati	42	34	.553	–
St. Louis	41	34	.547	1/2
Milwaukee	34	41	.453	7 1/2
Chicago	33	42	.440	8 1/2
Houston	29	47	.382	13
Pittsburgh	25	50	.333	16 1/2

West Division

San Diego	45	30	.600	–
San Francisco	40	34	.541	4 1/2
Los Angeles	40	35	.533	5
Colorado	39	36	.520	6
Arizona	30	46	.395	15 1/2

Yesterday's Games

Cleveland 5, Cincinnati 3
N.Y. Mets 6, Minnesota 0
San Diego 4, Florida 2
Detroit 10, Atlanta 4
Philadelphia 11, Toronto 2
Baltimore 4, Washington 3
Arizona 2, Tampa Bay 1
Chicago Cubs 8, Chicago White Sox 6
Milwaukee 3, Seattle 0
Kansas City 10, St. Louis 3
L.A. Angels 10, Colorado 3
Boston 5, San Francisco 1
Oakland 3, Pittsburgh 2
Texas 10, Houston 1
N.Y. Yankees 8, L.A. Dodgers 6, 10 innings

TRAVELERS CHAMPIONSHIP SCORES

CROMWELL, Connecticut (AP)—Scores Sunday in the $6 million Travelers Championship at the 6,841-yard, par-70 TPC River Highlands course (FedExCup points in parenthesis, x-won on second playoff hole):

FINAL ROUND

x-Bubba Watson (500), $1,080,000	65-68-67-66–266
Corey Pavin (245), $528,000	65-66-69-66–266
Scott Verplank (245), $528,000	67-69-66-64–266
Chris Riley (135), $288,000	68-65-69-65–267
Padraig Harrington (96), $210,750	64-71-69-64–268
Chad Campbell (96), $210,750	67-70-65-66–268
Retief Goosen (96), $210,750	68-69-64-67–268
Ricky Barnes (96), $210,750	69-67-64-68–268
Kris Blanks (73), $156,000	68-67-67-67–269
Brendon de Jonge (73), $156,000	70-63-67-69–269
Vaughn Taylor (73), $156,000	67-65-67-70–269
Justin Rose (73), $156,000	64-62-68-75–269
Vijay Singh (55), $99,750	65-66-73-66–270
Ryan Moore (55), $99,750	68-67-69-66–270
Rickie Fowler (55), $99,750	71-65-68-66–270
Nicholas Thompson (55), $99,750	68-70-66-66–270
Kevin Sutherland (55), $99,750	65-65-71-69–270
Matt Jones (55), $99,750	65-67-68-70–270
Scott McCarron (55), $99,750	68-66-66-70–270
Ben Curtis (55), $99,750	65-68-64-73–270
Cliff Kresge (48), $60,000	70-64-71-66–271
Charlie Wi (48), $60,000	64-67-71-69–271
Jason Bohn (48), $60,000	66-69-67-69–271
Michael Sim (48), $60,000	68-67-67-69–271
Tim Petrovic (48), $60,000	67-69-66-69–271
Bill Lunde (48), $60,000	68-63-69-71–271
Charley Hoffman (41), $40,800	70-67-71-64–272
James Driscoll (41), $40,800	70-68-69-65–272
Ted Purdy (41), $40,800	70-68-67-67–272
Chris DiMarco (41), $40,800	73-65-66-68–272
Aaron Baddeley (41), $40,800	69-66-68-69–272
Stuart Appleby (41), $40,800	70-67-66-69–272
Michael Letzig (41), $40,800	68-69-65-70–272
John Merrick (34), $29,025	69-69-71-64–273
Bo Van Pelt (34), $29,025	69-66-70-68–273
Matt Every (34), $29,025	69-67-68-69–273
Paul Stankowski (34), $29,025	71-66-67-69–273
Joe Durant (34), $29,025	66-67-70-70–273
Mathew Goggin (34), $29,025	64-72-67-70–273
Carl Pettersson (34), $29,025	67-68-67-71–273
Shaun Micheel (34), $29,025	72-65-65-71–273
Jay Williamson (27), $21,000	69-65-72-68–274
David Toms (27), $21,000	66-68-71-69–274
Kevin Streelman (27), $21,000	73-64-68-69–274
Chris Stroud (27), $21,000	69-66-68-71–274
J.J. Henry (27), $21,000	71-67-64-72–274
J.P. Hayes (23), $16,140	69-66-72-68–275
Steve Elkington (23), $16,140	66-67-73-69–275
Brian Stuard (23), $16,140	67-69-70-69–275
Stewart Cink (23), $16,140	70-65-68-72–275
Rod Pampling (18), $14,120	68-68-75-65–276
Joe Ogilvie (18), $14,120	68-70-70-68–276
Will MacKenzie (18), $14,120	68-70-68-70–276
Michael Connell (18), $14,120	69-68-69-70–276
Brett Wetterich (18), $14,120	71-67-68-70–276
Boo Weekley (18), $14,120	69-69-67-71–276
James Nitties (12), $13,260	69-68-74-66–277
Webb Simpson (12), $13,260	67-69-74-67–277
Billy Mayfair (12), $13,260	66-70-74-67–277
Michael Bradley (12), $13,260	67-69-72-69–277
Alex Prugh (12), $13,260	71-65-70-71–277
Aron Price (12), $13,260	65-69-69-74–277
Jerry Kelly (8), $12,840	66-71-73-68–278
Mark Brooks (6), $12,540	68-68-74-69–279
Jarrod Lyle (6), $12,540	71-67-71-70–279
Arjun Atwal (6), $12,540	71-67-69-72–279
Greg Chalmers (6), $12,540	66-66-73-74–279
Graham DeLaet (2), $12,060	70-66-75-69–280
Johnson Wagner (2), $12,060	68-66-75-71–280
Robert Garrigus (2), $12,060	73-65-70-72–280
Brad Adamonis (2), $12,060	69-69-70-72–280
Mark Hensby (1), $11,760	67-71-71-72–281
Bryce Molder (1), $11,640	68-70-72-72–282
Kenny Perry (1), $11,400	69-68-73-73–283
Kevin Johnson (1), $11,400	66-72-70-75–283
Skip Kendall (1), $11,400	69-69-70-75–283
Tim Herron (1), $11,160	66-67-71-83–287

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"We hope that even with this small amount, we can help R.J. in his tournament in the mainland and Karidat in its various social service in the CNMI," Malaran said.

Macaranas thanked Fil-Taga for taking the lead in supporting her grandson's campaign in tournaments in the U.S.

"On behalf of the Macaranas family, we are very grateful to Fil-Taga for choosing R.J. to be the beneficiary of the proceeds from the tournament. Any help R.J. can get back home is very much appreciated and I believe your support will be worth it, as R.J. always do his best whenever he represents the CNMI in golf tournaments," Macaranas said.

The 11-year-old golfer is set to compete in two world championships this year and in the past months has asked CNMI golf associations and other private entities to support his bids in the 2010 Callaway Junior World Golf Championships and the 2010 U.S. Kids Golf World Championship.

Fil-Taga learned of the junior golfer's call for help and decided to hold a tournament and donate part of its proceeds to the younger Macaranas.

"R.J. has given CNMI honors in the past and he will continue to make the Commonwealth proud, so it is just right that we support him in his endeavor," Malaran said.

As for Karidat, Malaran said they know the non-profit organization has been helping a lot of people in the CNMI, so Fil-Taga hopes to be part of that worthy cause.

"We are very thankful to Fil-Taga and the golfers who joined the tournament. In this time of financial crisis, it is really hard to raise funds and donate to an organization, but still Fil-Taga found a way to help us," Guerrero said.

Fil-Taga hosted the Philippine Independence Open Golf Tournament early this month with the event drawing around 60 golfers. IT&E regional manager for costumer service Darrell Fair won the double-peoria tournament after carding 42 and 45 on the front and back nines, respectively for a gross score of 87.

Wabol rules fourth Pacific Games trial

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Perennialgolf tournament champion Jess Wabol showed his winning form again, as he topped the fourth qualifier for the 2010 Pacific Games last Saturday at Coral Ocean Point.

Wabol

Wabol tamed the Agingan Point course, shooting a 37 and 39 on the front and back nines, respectively, for a 4-over par 76. He won by only a stroke against Jeff Taylor, who carded a 5-over par 77 after firing a 39 on the front and 38 on the back.

Others who joined the fourth qualifier with their gross scores in parenthesis were Tony Satur (80), Adam Hardwicke (83), Joji Taguchi (83), Carl Hocog (85), Steve Jang (85), Edward Manibusan (85), Tars Olopai (88), Joe Saures (91), and Steve Balakrishna (93).

Satur was consistent with his game at COP when he tallied 40s in both nines, while Hardwicke struggled in the first nine holes with his 43 before recovering in the last nine with a 40. Taguchi played better in the first nine holes than in the last with his 40 and 43, respectively.

Hocog also got off to a good start with his 41 on the front nines before hitting a 45 on the back, while Jang drilled a 42 and 43 on the front and back nines, respectively. Manibusan recorded 43 on the front and 42 on the back, while Olopai started with a 47 on the front and finished the round with a better score of 41 on the back nines. Saures shot a 43 in the first nine holes and ended the round with a 48, while Balakrishna posted a 44 and 49 on the front and back nines, respectively.

The fourth qualifier was played from the longer blue tee and Pacific Games qualifying tournament organizers are reminding golfers that the remaining three trials will all be played from the blue tee.

Participants' scores in six trials will be combined to determine the Top 5 players who will represent the CNMI to the Pacific Games in New Caledonia in September next year. There will be seven qualifying tournaments with the seventh one optional. The seventh qualifier in September will be a make-up for those who will miss one trial or can be used to drop the lowest score in the first six tournaments.

Dates and venues for the last three qualifying tournaments will be announced later.

For more information, contact Wabol at 288-1129, Manibusan at 235-6520, Taylor at 483-2513, or Jordon Kosam at 483-4506.

Rites of Passage 9 set for July 30

Trench Tech Promotions will hold Rites of Passage 9: Indestructible on July 30 at the Saipan World Resort.

Trench Tech president and owner Cuki Alvarez said VIP tickets for ROP 9 is priced at a low $20.

"Mixed martial arts fans will be happy to hear that VIP tickets will cost only $20 per seat in light of the recent 'payless paydays,'" he said.

Alvarez said this is Trench Tech's way of thanking Saipan's mixed martial arts fan base and of showing appreciation for their continued support for all of the past Trench Warz promotions throughout the years.

"Rites of Passage 9 is the ultimate proving ground for hungry new fighters looking to prove that they got what it takes to win in the cage and pass onto the next level of MMA competition," he added.

Alvarez said MMA fighters from Guam and Tinian have already signed up for the competition. "So, stay tuned for details on the fight card and the main event."

Trench Tech currently is looking for fighters in all weight categories.

Alvarez said, "Interested MMA teams and competitors can call Trench Tech. In addition, female competitors are welcome too!"

For more information, call Alvarez at 483-4MMA. ***(Walter Sutherland)***

CNMI Nationals still perfect

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The Bud Light CNMI Nationals improved to a 3-0 win-loss record in the 2010 Budweiser Men's Basketball League after beating Bud Ice Rollers, 84-65, in the second game last Friday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The Nationals now hold the solo lead in the nine-team field, as Becks 670, which swept its first two games, absorbed its first loss at the hands of Hoegaarden IT&E in the curtain raiser. IT&E eked out a seven-point win over Becks 670, 64-57, giving the former its second win in three games and tying its victim in third place in the team standings. Bud Light Lime Ol'Aces are in second spot with a 2-0 slate.

The Nationals' 19-point win may be big, but Rollers Ice gave them a tough time in the first three quarters before the latter's erratic plays and lack of experience allowed the former to break away in the fourth.

The Nationals led by only five at the end of the third period, 52-47, when Pete Iguel, Jose Tumaquip, Peter Mendiola, and Jack Lizama capitalized on Bud Ice Rollers' mistakes to pull away.

Iguel top-scored for the Nationals with 17 points, Tumaquip finished with 14, and Mendiola and Lizama chipped in 11 and 10, respectively. Four more Nationals players made at least two field goals for the team's balance offense.

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Bud Light CNMI Nationals' Peter Mendiola, left, tries to muscle his way against the defense of Hoegaarden IT&E's Kirk Schuler during their game in the Budweiser caging last Monday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. IT&E and the Nationals played against separates foes last Friday and won their respective matches.

Bud Ice Rollers had only two players tallying double figures in scoring with Eli Aughenbaugh firing 15 and Leo Galarse nailing 13.

In the first game, Hoegaarden IT&E played better in the second half behind Elmer Esdrelon and Edsel Mendoza to top Becks 670, 64-57.

Hoegaarden IT&E trailed at the break, 26-30 and started slow when it scored only 12 points in the first quarter.

Esdrelon then started Hoegaarden IT&E's recovery in the second half, drilling seven of his 16 points in the third quarter to lift his team to a 49-40 lead. Hoegaarden IT&E hung in there, foiling Becks 670's repeated comeback bids.

First Game

Hoegaarden IT&E 64 – Esdrelon 16, Mendoza 13, Schuler 9, Brostrom 8, Guiab 6, Capalad 5, Aquino 4, Berline 3.

Beck's 670 57 – T. Diaz 14, Fitial 13, E. Diaz 12, Ruluked 10, Z. Diaz 5, Lizama 2, Gapor 1.

Scoring by quarters: 12-14, 26-30, 49-40, 64-57.

Second Game

Bud Light Nationals 84 – Iguel 17, Tumaquip 14, Mendiola 11, Lizama 10, Naraja 9, Johnson 9, Barcinas 6, Lee 4, Chariton 2, Villacrusis 2.

Bud Ice Rollers 65 – Aughenbaugh 15, Galarse 13, Matagolai 9, D. Teregeyo 8, Santos 7, V. Teregeyo 6, Hambros 4, F. Litulimar 2, Babauta 1.

Scoring by quarters: 18-11, 31-29, 52-47, 84-65.

CNMI, Guam plan badminton tourney

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Guam National Badminton Federation president Sandra Low paid Northern Marianas Badminton Association a visit early this month and both associations agreed to hold a tournament in the future to foster camaraderie between the two groups and help develop their players' skills.

"The Northern Marianas Badminton Association officers and members met with Guam National Badminton Federation president Sandra Low during her recent visit to Saipan on June 13. Low's visit was mainly to introduce GNBF to NMBA, and for her to see our facility," NMBA secretary general Merlie Tolentino said.

"At the meeting, we shared with her our existing fees structure, tournaments schedule, and other information about NMBA to give her ideas how we run our association," Tolentino added.

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Guam National Badminton Federation president Sandra Low, left, receives fives tubes of shuttlecocks from Northern Marianas Badminton Association secretary general Merlie Tolentino during the former's visit to Saipan early this month.

As a token of appreciation for her visit, NMBA presented Low five tubes of shuttlecocks, which will be donated to GNBF.

The two associations then discussed how they can help each other in the development of the sport and they agreed one of the ways to achieve a successful program is to hold tournaments outside their respective associations.

"One of the goals of NMBA is to connect with a badminton association in Guam so that one day we can organize a competition between the two neighboring islands and we are pleased that Sandra Low has taken the lead to meet with NMBA. Some NMBA players who moved to Guam were very glad when they learned about GNBF. As a start, we've already contacted them and told them to communicate with Sandra Low," Tolentino said.

"Now that we had already established contact with GNBF, we can look forward for an annual competition between Guam and NMI, and possibly Palau too. Early this year, we communicated with Palau Badminton Association about our plan to send NMBA players to Palau for a friendly competition," Tolentino added.

NMBA believes allowing their players to participate in off-island competitions will help elevate the level of their competitiveness.

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Kimball siblings top Escape from Managaha

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Siblings Andrew and Grace Kimball cruised to a record-finish in the 2010 Escape from Managaha en route to getting the top honors in last Saturday's race.

Andrew was the first overall finisher among the 27 swimmers, completing the Managaha to Micro Beach crossing in a blistering time of 38 minutes and 25 seconds. Sister Grace was the third overall finisher, but first in the women's division with her time of 40:48.

Andrew broke the best time in 2008 (43:21) posted by Sarah Johnson. The younger Kimball's time was also way better than his 2008 record of 1:17:26. Grace also shattered her 2008 time, which was 45:31.

The siblings said they had a relatively easy race, as the weather was good, the wind was fine, and the current was not that strong.

"Except for a couple of jellyfish, we did not encounter problems along the course. At the start and going through the channel, there's a bit of a current. But once, you pass that area, it was a bit easy," Grace said.

"I got stung by the jellyfish, but other than that, I had a good swim," Andrew said.

Andrew made it to the Micro Beach shore about two minutes ahead of second placer Colin Thompson, who completed the 2.7-kilometer race in 40:40.

Michael Moran came in fourth with a time of 41:47,

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Siblings Grace and Andrew Kimball are all smiles after topping the women's and men's division of the 2010 Escape from Managaha last Saturday.

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Mister gears up for Japan adventure race

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Tyce Mister will make his sporting debut in Japan when he takes part in the Salomon X-Adventure 2010 Minakami Adventure Race set for July 3 and 4 in Tone District, Gunma, Japan.

Fellow Guam Extreme Adventure Race 10 winner Mieko Carey will also compete in the race, although she will be part of a different team.

A total of 14 teams will be competing in the two mixed and men's divisions and Salomon sporting goods prizes will be awarded to the winners.

The two-day, 150-kilometer race will consist of trekking, mountain biking, canoeing, team biathlon, rafting, and canyoneering sections where sleeping will only be allowed in desig-

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Darlene Macaranas, second left, and Karidat's Angie Guerrero, second right, show the checks donated by Fil-Taga Golfers Association during a turnover ceremony at the Aqua Resort Club. The donation were handed by Fil-Taga president Ted Malaran, right, and board member Nestor Siruelo, left.

Germany gets lucky break and beats England

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AP SPORTS WRITER

JOHANNESBURG (AP)—Germany and Argentina will meet in the quarterfinals of the World Cup after both put on powerful performances—and benefited from contentious refereeing decisions—on Sunday.

Germany cruised past England 4-1 in a match which hinged on a bad referee's de-

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England's Frank Lampard, second from right at center, scores a goal that was later disallowed during the World Cup round of 16 soccer match between Germany and England at Free State Stadium in Bloemfontein, South Africa, Sunday, June 27, 2010.

AP

Fil-Taga hands donation to Macaranas, Karidat

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Fil-Taga Golfers Association turned over proceeds from the 112th Philippine Independence Open Golf Tournament to Karidat and a CNMI junior golfer during a simple ceremony at the Aqua Resort Club last Saturday.

Fil-Taga president Ted Malaran and board member Nestor Siruelo handed checks to Darlene Macaranas, representing junior golfer R.J. Macaranas, and Karidat executive director Angie Guerrero. Macaranas received $500 on behalf of his grandson, while Guerrero went home with a check amounting to $300.

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